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Two Armies Advance On Chekiang-Kiangsi Line DISORDER IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, May 3.

The latest Garrison Headquarters communique issued early this afternoon said that all contact has been lost with Shunan, which is located about 75 miles West of Hangchow, following the launching of a Communist attack in the vicinity of the city.

HK-PEIPING DRAFT QUOTA

Exchange Regulations, promulgated by the Chinese Communist authorities at Peiping, authorise the Central Bank to handle Hong Kong drafts up to HK\$10,000 monthly. It was stated by a Hong Kong Government spokesman yesterday.

The spokesman said that official information of the regulations has been received by the Hong Kong Government.

British Diplomat's Death

Manila, May 3. Police tonight blamed the death of British diplomat John Herbert Dickinson, 37, from a bank building on his mental condition.

He plunged to his death earlier today from a fifth floor window of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank building in which the British Legation is located. Police said three notes disclosed the charge of a fall from a depressed and unable to think straight.

One note was addressed to police, another to his widow, Evelyn, formerly of Toronto, Canada, and the third to Ronald Finlay, British Vice-Consul in Manila.

Dickinson came here last November after an assignment in Warsaw. Friends of Dickinson said he had never fully recovered from serious illness, including a cracked skull, received while he was serving with the British Embassy in Poland.

According to these sources, Dickinson was waylaid and beaten by Russian uniformed soldiers in 1947. A formal British protest was lodged with the Communist Government of Poland but the culprits were never brought to justice.

Dickinson left shortly after the incident and returned to the British Foreign Office in London before his assignment here last November, 1948.

In recent months he grew depressed.—Associated Press.

ROYAL VISITORS AT BIF

London, May 3. Sales to businessmen in 3rd at the London section of the British Industries Fair have already passed the £5,000,000. The first Olympic order was for radio active isotopes from the Harwell atomic research station for dispatch to Sweden. One at Earl's Court was for £226,000 worth of raincoats for Finland.

Queen Mary, Princess Elizabeth, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Princess Royal visited the Fair at Earl's Court today.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (10 AM HKST) a wide area of high pressure extends from NW China across the Eastern Sea to the Bonins. A trough has developed from the Bay of Bengal to Central China. Pressure is falling in E. of Mindanao.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate winds from an E. quarter. Fair.

Yesterday's Forecast:—Maximum 78.1 deg. Fah. Minimum 71.5 deg. Fah. Humidity 71.5 per cent. Rainfall Nil.

10 day forecast:—

Date	Max	Min	Wind	Cloud
May 4	78.1	71.5	10-15 mph	Partly cloudy
May 5	80.0	73.0	10-15 mph	Partly cloudy
May 6	82.0	75.0	10-15 mph	Partly cloudy
May 7	84.0	77.0	10-15 mph	Partly cloudy
May 8	86.0	79.0	10-15 mph	Partly cloudy
May 9	88.0	81.0	10-15 mph	Partly cloudy
May 10	90.0	83.0	10-15 mph	Partly cloudy
May 11	92.0	85.0	10-15 mph	Partly cloudy
May 12	94.0	87.0	10-15 mph	Partly cloudy
May 13	96.0	89.0	10-15 mph	Partly cloudy

Military observers said that General Liu Po-cheng's move is evidently aimed at hastening the disintegration of the main Nationalist defence system South of the Yangtse as other Red forces prepared to lop off one of its main pillars, Hangchow.

With Shunan in their hands, General Liu's army is expected to use it as a springboard for a sweep on either Kihwa, famous ham producing centre 55 miles South East, or Chushien, 55 miles South to cut the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway and block the best escape route of the Hangchow garrison which is at present taking up new defence positions South of the Chientang river.

Another new Red move further West was also indicated in reports reaching here which said that large force of Communist troops were operating in the vicinity of Poyang Lake, South of the well-known Yangtse port of Kiukiang, in an attempt to push South into Kiangsi province towards Nanchang.

These reports seemed to indicate that the main Communist forces were skirting Shanghai and heading South by other routes. A military conference in West, West of Kunshan (after the reported reverses they have suffered at the hands of the Nationalists during the last few days).

The bulletin also reported that the Communist army leaders in Kunshan area were holding a military conference in West, West of Kunshan (after the reported reverses they have suffered at the hands of the Nationalists during the last few days). A contingent of Red troops, it added, were building a pontoon bridge between Chongchih and Pingtung about 12 miles North of Kiating on the Shanghai-Hangchow railway. These forces, the communique asserted, were apparently planning to drive Eastward.

Air Force In Shanghai

The official Central News Agency revealed today that a large number of fighters and bombers of the Chinese Air Force was now stationed in Shanghai as a protective force against Communist attacks and claimed that during the past ten days the Air Force has accomplished a number of combat missions in the Shanghai-Hangchow area to block the advance of the Red columns along the Shanghai-Nanking railway, the Nanking-Hangchow highway and the Anhwei Chekiang highway.

Government planes sank six warships captured at Nanking by the Chinese Communists in 10 days of bombing and strafing attacks. In addition, the Government planes destroyed 10,000 Red troops, 600 trucks, 500 wooden river boats, and 300 horse-drawn carts.

The sound of artillery fire was heard in Shanghai before dawn. Apparently Government gunners were firing at river craft spotted in the darkness. The guns sounded as if they were 20 miles away.

Civil Disorder

Serious civil disorder is mounting in Shanghai as an economic paralysis settles on China's financial capital.

Most of Shanghai's foreign population was holed up for the Communist occupation before the angry tension among the population bursts in rioting and bloodshed.

Below subsistence-level pay and a money shortage caused by inflation had already resulted in a number of foreign business executives being threatened with violence by their employees.

In some cases, those who were threatening robbery and murder included workers who have been with these firms for many years.

There were reports that the Communist Garrison's decision to

British Evacuees Accommodated



Dormitory at the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute. Set aside for British evacuees from Shanghai.

Below—A two-year-old evacuee playing in the corridor of the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute. ("China Mail" Photos).

ECA Rice For Shanghai

Shanghai, May 3. Mr. George St. Louis, Regional Director of the ECA announced today, that the Chinese Government and the ECA would continue to provide the metropolis with sufficient food supplies so long as the city is in Nationalist control.

The same policy is applicable to shipments of ECA fuel and petroleum supplies for public utilities, essential transports and industries.—Reuter.

Running Gun Battle With Burma Rebels

Rangoon, May 3. Two hundred rebels attacking a troop train in North Burma were given a running battle by troops on board the train, said yesterday's official Burmese communique.

The train was en route to the road and rail junction town of Kima from the headquarters town of Shaubo, near Mandalay.

This is the area in which the combined White Band People's Volunteer Organisation, the PVO, and Communist forces are known to be carrying on anti-Government activity.

The territory extends from the Chindwin River town of Nyaung-U to Katha deep amidst the rocky defiles of the Irrawaddy River.

The communique detailing the battle said that five rebels were killed with no loss to the Government side.

Burmese planes swung in low to attack and naval gunboats opened fire on Karens who were ambushing river craft on their way to Rangoon with 2,000 refugees on board. It was officially reported.—Associated Press.

Yangtse Blockade Plot Reported

Shanghai, May 3. The American-owned "Shanghai Evening Post" obtained from a "reliable" source today the explanation of the United States Navy's rapid departure from the Whangpoo last Tuesday.

Vice-Admiral Oscar C. Badger, commander of the United States West Pacific Fleet, had been advised on what he deemed "good authority" that plans had been made by unfriendly forces to blockade the mouth of the Whangpoo where it enters the Yangtse.

Therefore, Admiral Badger felt it necessary to lose no time in leaving with his flagship Eldorado, together with the troop-ship Chilton, the floating base of some 600 United States Marines.

"It was stated today that there were enough warships off Wopung to conduct a considerable emergency evacuation in case of need as might arise to civil commotion, mob rioting and looting or subjection of Shanghai to

Evacuees Not Satisfied Here

Fifty-five evacuees who arrived here from Shanghai by the mv. Boissevain on Monday, are being quartered at the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute, Gloucester Road. They occupy 36 small rooms and two large dormitories of 20 double-decker beds each.

Except for a few lucky husbands who share rooms with their families, the men are

accommodated in the dormitories while the cubicles are packed with women and children.

Each evacuee is given two blankets, a pillow, mattress, and sheet and other essential articles. They all expressed satisfaction with what the Colony has provided them. The only audible complaint was from mothers who have to do the family laundry themselves and the facilities for this purpose and highly inadequate.

Most of the newcomers are planning to stay here for a short time. They are waiting for passage to the United Kingdom, Australia. Others expect other members of their families to come down from Shanghai before making further plans.

Among the evacuees quartered at the Institute is a 90-year-old woman and a four-month-old baby.

Accommodated at the Ma Tau Chun Relief Camp are 13 more evacuees, including two children and eight women.

Most of them are dissatisfied with their present accommodation.

"Why are we quartered in Kowloon?" one woman asked.

"I have two children and now I have to leave them in the camp while I go to work to arrange passage for England." She continued.

"If we were quartered at the Seamen's Institute, I do not have to leave my children for any length of time whenever I have to go out on business."

"We are thankful for the shelter but we find it rather inconvenient to be quartered in Kowloon instead of on the other side," she concluded.

KWANGTUNG ALARMED OVER RED PROGRESS

Canton, May 3.

The British and American evacuation warning issued yesterday reflect widespread lack of confidence among foreigners and Chinese in the Nationalists' ability to hold South China. A marked change of feeling has followed the Communist crossing of the Yangtse, and interest in the Northern military operations has now changed into alarm as Communist armies push further South.

Foreign diplomats said today the important question in Canton was no longer if the Communists will come South, but when.

Before the Yangtse crossing most Chinese and foreign observers did not believe the Communists could reach Canton in under 6 years, if they ever got here. Some estimated it might take years. Now estimates are as low as six weeks and two months. The more cautious sources, however, do not think the Communists will reach the South for about six months, as they will need to digest their present gains and reorganise their forces.

Few observers believe Kwangtung at least will offer effective military opposition. Local forces, both regular army and Peace Preservation Corps, number about 100,000 men. They are based at widely separated points and are only moderately equipped and trained. Communist irregulars within the province of Kwangtung total at least 40,000 and are becoming increasingly active.

Observers do not think the Nationalists will be able to withstand the Communist pressure from without and within should it be fully exerted.

Despite the vigorous penalties to which they expose themselves in order to attempt to make a local peace settlement with the Communists. Comparatively few Cantonese are likely to take refuge elsewhere if and when the Communists approach.

This also applies to many Northern and Central Chinese, who have already made one or more evacuations, but for various reasons are unwilling to take flight again. Should the Communists enter Canton, leading Nationalist political figures will probably go to Taiwan, or to the South-Western provinces, while some rich merchants will seek haven in Hong Kong. Most businessmen, however, will remain in Canton.

Li Expected

Acting President Li Tsung-jen is expected to arrive in Canton within the next few days to resume leadership of the Nationalist Government.

A high official here said the political situation had brightened considerably. If true, it confirmed reports that Li Tsung-jen had been promised greater military and financial aid for the defense of the Chinese mainland by the United States in Taiwan. Such aid would be a major concession on the part of the Taiwan group, who do not wish to commit Tai-

APL's Gordon In Shanghai

Shanghai, May 3. The American President Liner Gordon arrived today to take some 1,100 evacuees out of this city.

The Gordon is scheduled to sail tomorrow for Hong Kong, Manila, and Japan with about 1,100 Chinese and foreigners—including some 60 more Americans.

The President Lines' officials said the Gordon was their last evacuation vessel due here until the President Cleveland arrived on May 24 en route to Japan.—Associated Press.

wan's vessels to battle on the China mainland.

Li's arrival in Canton would also lend credence to earlier reports that more help has been promised General Pao Chung-hsi, by the flight-wingers, in conference here last week. At that time, Pao Chung-hsi, acting concurrently as Defense Minister, was said to have pledged money and troops in support of Pao's defense in Central China. General Pao's staff officers have complained of being kept in short supply by the Defense Ministry at the best of the Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. General Pao is especially short of heavy artillery, heavy munitions and transport equipment.

Besides military aid, Acting President Li was believed to be demanding access to financial reserves, which have been flowing to Taiwan from the mainland since before the peace talks began.—Reuter and Associated Press.

BRITAIN NOT CONSIDERING RECOGNITION

London, May 3. The British Foreign Office spokesman said today Britain was not even considering the question of recognising a Communist China regime.

The spokesman, asked at a press conference about a Communist broadcast suggesting the establishment of diplomatic relations, said the Foreign Office had "not" the Communist statement and also Communist actions.

He added: "The question of recognition has not arisen, nor is it under consideration."—United Press.

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A Requiem Mass For Quezon

A Requiem Mass will be
sung at the Catholic Cathedral,
No. 16 Caine Road, on Friday,
at 8 a.m. in memory of Dono
Aureo Aragon de Quezon and
other members of her family
who met their tragic death on
April 28.

Mrs. Quezon was married to
the late Philippine President,
Manuel L. Quezon, in the same
Cathedral in 1918.
The Reverend Father Eleuterio
Hernandez, Superior of the Do-
minican Fathers in Hong Kong,
will officiate, and Father Manuel
Pinon, a Filipino Dominican, will
deliver the eulogy.

A considerable number of Fili-
pinos and Hong Kong friends of
Mrs. Quezon are expected to at-
tend the Holy Mass in her
memory.
The Reverend Father Aniceto
Costa, a close friend of the
Quezons, is helping in the pre-
paratory arrangements for this
last tribute of appreciation. The
Filipino students of Rosary Hill
will sing at the Mass.

Personalia

Messrs. Theodore Raoul, D. C.
Narandas and Mrs. Narandas
left Hong Kong for Saigon yes-
terday by Air France.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Griffiths, Mr.
and Mrs. R. H. Mitchell, Mrs.
E. P. Seeger, Messrs. Paul
Untermyer, Otto Hellmuth, and R.
S. Somers left for Paris and Sai-
gon yesterday by Air France.
Mrs. V. Turner left for Swatow
yesterday by the ss. Tsinan.

Departures for Singapore, Ran-
goun and Bangkok by CPA yes-
terday included: Miss E. M.
Hindes, Mrs. Liang Feh-narr,
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Richards, Mrs.
R. N. Richards, Dr. G. Stewart,
Mr. J. J. Cowperthwaite, Mr. J.
C. Leithwaite, Mr. K. J. Simen
and Miss H. Richards.

Among the departures from the
Peninsula Hotel on Monday yes-
terday included: Mrs. E. F. Gee
Mrs. E. Beijer, Mr. and Mrs. J.
Malcolm, Messrs. R. N. Mellor
H. D. Robertson, K. H. Chu, Y. C.
Wan, Y. Ho, R. M. D. Aime, F. L.
Lee, H. Tong, P. H. Chou, and
E. M. Lind.

New arrivals at the Peninsula
Hotel on Monday included Mrs.
Betts-Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. R.
Judah, Mrs. E. Eggle, Mr. and Mr.
G. A. B. Merkard, Messrs. A. E.
Gilbert, J. S. Dentsch, P. Dubris,
M. Kogan, H. H. Chang, N. H.
Taylor, M. R. Denton, M. Shat-
tuck, H. M. Binks and F. B.
Craddock.

Mr. Roy Rowan of "Life"
Magazine returned to Hong Kong
yesterday by a Pan American
plane from the United States.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

Food and fuel costs compiled by the Labour Department, for the week ended April 30 follow:		
Rice and Flour...	7.2	catties \$5.0000
Vegetables...	1.0	" " 1.1700
Salt Cabbage...	2	" " 1.1720
Oil...	7	" " 1.4420
Tea...	2	" " .9600
Salt Fish...	2	" " .8120
Flour...	4	" " 1.5460
Pork...	8	" " .8010
Pineapples...	10.0	" " .8650
Bean Curd, 14 pieces...		" " .7890
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Mr. Paul V. McNutt, (left) former U.S. Governor, to the Philippines and Mrs. McNutt (second left) arrived yesterday by a PAL plane from Manila (right)—("China Mail" photo).

FIRST KOREAN CONSUL SETS UP SHOP

Mr. Char Kyun-chan, the first Korean Consul in
Hong Kong, established his temporary offices
at the Metropole Hotel, Queen's Road Cen-
tral, on May 1.

Interviewed by the "China
Mail" yesterday, Mr. Char
said he had had two busy days
making official calls and meet-
ing visitors.
"I like Hong Kong, and I am
no stranger here, as I've been
here twice, before, though each
time only for a short while, said
Mr. Char.

Establishment of the consulate
has been prompted by increased
trade between Hong Kong and
Korea, and also a desire to pro-
mote goodwill, explained Mr.
Char who added that trade be-
tween the two places had in-
creased considerably in recent
months.

Figures given by Mr. Char
were exports from South Korea
to Hong Kong for March,
HK\$2,039,013, and imports from
Hong Kong, HK\$5,704,814.

"You will see that we buy
more than double what we sell
to you," said Mr. Char.

A keen businessman himself,
Mr. Char sees good prospects for
Hong Kong-Korean trade.

Born in Korea 44 years ago,
Mr. Char came to China at the
age of 16 and was educated in
Nanking and Shanghai, graduating
in 1934 from the Shanghai
University in business adminis-
tration.

Mrs. Char who is a Chinese
national, is still in Shanghai with
four children, three sons and a
daughter.

The new consul has taken an
active part in the administrative
service of his country since the
end of the war.

In the interim Government,
he had served in the department
of finance as commissioner of
trading bureau, upon the estab-
lishment of the Republic he
joined the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs as chief of the Research
Bureau, which office he vacated
upon his appointment to Hong
Kong.

Reminders

Today

Toe H meeting, Talbot House, 50,
MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Better Homes Series, talk on
"Hot Weather Grooming" by
Mrs. S. Norman, YWCA,
Duddell Street, 3 p.m.
European YMCA Debating and
Discussion Group meeting,
Kowloon, 8.45 p.m.
HK Social Services' exhibition,
PRO lecture room, 12 p.m. to
8 p.m.
Peak Tramways, Limited, annual
general meeting, HK Hotel,
12 noon.
Engineering Society of Hong
Kong, annual meeting, HK
Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Sino-British Club Orchestra re-
hearsal, Cosmo Club, 6 p.m.
HK Land Forces meets for
Quadrangular meeting, Caro-
line Hill
Inter-School athletic meeting,
Kowloon Tong School, 9 a.m.
Wah Yan Dramatic Society pre-
sents "The Prince who Loved
Too Much, Wah Yan College,
8.30 p.m.
HK Land Forces vs. King George
V School, in athletic meeting
school ground, 2.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Y's Men's Club luncheon, Roof
Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club, luncheon
talk on "The Indian Medical
Service" by Dr. R. D. Seriven,
at Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
FRIDAY
Women's Section Club Morning,
European YMCA, 10 a.m.
Sino-British Club Music Group
Concert, St. Stephen's Girl's
College, 8.30 p.m.
Swimming Gala and Dance,
European YMCA, 7 p.m.

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REMARKS ABOUT HK EXPLAINED

Mr. Bernard Wickstead, the touring feature writer
for the London "Daily Express", who was to
have addressed Hong Kong Rotary yesterday
on his travels, changed his subject to an ex-
planation of the story which he cabled to his
paper on Sunday charging Hong Kong with
apathy towards the wounded British sailors
returned from the Yangtze.

He frankly admitted that some of the things he
had said about people in the colony were
rude.

When he came back to Hong
Kong after a few days spent
up the delta, he said, he found
a cable asking him to cover
the arrival of the Repose. He
thought it would make a lead-
ing story for the home paper,
bringing the wounded back to
British soil.

He raised up the Navy which he
thought was the most impor-
tant thing to do, and was shocked that
he was refused all facilities to see
the men on board. The idea of
rowing out in a sampans to the
ship did not appeal to him, and a
friend told him of a hospital
they could "climb" to get a
good view of the scene.

He felt that as a newspaper
man he was an "unofficial" repre-
sentative of the men's families at
home, and there was no reason
why he should have to act like a
common "burglar" in order to do
his job.

Hence he went straight to the
hospital where he was very de-
cently received and shown
around. He was shocked that
there were no books or flowers or
fruits for the men, and a nurse as
well as a surgeon he asked said
they knew nothing of any gifts for
the men. Later he heard that some
cigarettes were sent.

So Apologetic.
He could not understand how
Britons here could be so apologetic
to compatriots of their fighting
Services who had been wounded
in a scrap elsewhere. Had the men
thought of an invasion in the
colony itself, the position might
have been different, he thought.

"I have been accused of using
remarks of bad taste," said Mr.
Wickstead, and added his people
in London might come from less
salubrious surroundings than the
Peak District of Hong Kong, but
they were the men brought back
by the Repose.

It had been suggested, said Mr.
Wickstead, that he should send a
further statement home on what
was being done for the wounded,
but the Navy had beat him to it
with a statement of their own.

He had been asked whether he
had any comments to make on
the Navy statement, and he had
replied "No."

Mr. Wickstead said he pre-
pared to answer any charges
levelled at him on the story he
sent home.
The first comment came from
Mr. T. T. Skinner, who said
specifically he had visitors who
told us what they thought of us
but usually they published their
views after they had left. He
appreciated the way Mr. Wick-
stead had expressed his views be-
fore he left. Anything that served
to shake us out of our com-
placency, whether it was justified
or not, was a good thing, said Mr.
Skinner who added that for that
reason he thanked Mr. Wickstead.

Acted Wisely
Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, the
next speaker, said he was in en-
tire disagreement with Mr. Wick-
stead. The Navy had acted wisely
in refusing to allow the wounded
men, who had been through a
gruelling time, to be bothered.
The attack on the British in Hong
Kong was unjustified, said Mr.
Woodhead. They would have been
the first to want to give the
wounded men all the comfort and
assistance that they wanted.

"Sending a cable home as Mr.
Wickstead has done great damage
to the importance of this British
Colony," said Mr. Woodhead.

Mr. Wickstead replied that he
had written only what he had
experienced, and what he had
seen. If there was any fault, it was
that it could be called, it was
that he had not made sufficient
enquiry.

Mr. B. S. Hill, President of the
Rotary Club, wound up the meet-
ing with the remark that the im-
portant thing was not whether we
agreed with Mr. Wickstead or
not, but the having already been
cast, but whether Mr. Wickstead
was now convinced that the peo-
ple of Hong Kong would have
done everything in their power to
ease the pains and sufferings of
the wounded sailors, had they
been forewarned of their arrival.

NAVAL AID FUND

Subscriptions to the Hong
Kong Naval Aid Fund which
has been sent up to aid the
dependents of the Yangtze-
River British naval casualties,
reached a total of HK\$127,000
yesterday.

Among the contributions was
one of HK\$50,000 from the Hong
Kong Jockey Club, which was
made on April 20—two days
before the arrival of the U.S. hos-
pital ship Repose.

Below is a list of the subscrip-
tions:
His Excellency The Governor
and Lady Grantham, \$1,000; The
Hong Kong Jockey Club, \$50,000;
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morse,
\$1,500; The Hong Kong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation,
\$20,000; Messrs. Gilmartin & Co.,
\$10,000; Mr. and Mrs. Cedric
Blaker, \$5,000; H. Ruttonjee &
Sons Ltd., \$10,000; Total:
\$127,000.

Those desiring to make contri-
butions are requested to send them
to the Honorary Treasurer, Hong
Kong Naval Aid Fund, and paid
into the Hong Kong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation.

Fort Charlotte Brings Evacuees

The Royal Fleet Auxiliary
vessel Fort Charlotte arrived
here yesterday with 12 British
women and children evacuees
from Shanghai.

The Fort Charlotte visited
Shanghai to victual the Royal
Navy ships.

Meanwhile, it was officially an-
nounced that HMS London is due
to reach Hong Kong on Saturday,
May 7, at 7.15 a.m. She will
proceed alongside the Naval Dock-
yard.

HMS Black Swan is expected
here on May 14.
HMS Consort, one of the four
naval craft, fired on by Rep artil-
lery in the Yangtze, is expected
to leave for Singapore on May 7.
HMS Cockatoo will leave for
Shanghai on May 9.
On May 31 HMS Jamaica is due
from the West Indies.



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Vernacular Schools

Sir,—Notwithstanding its economic prosperity and modern administration, Hong Kong is rather backward in arts, literature and civic life. One important cause for this cultural backwardness is the prevalent profiteering, racketeering and exploitation by some managers of vernacular schools of the pupils, teachers and society at large.

Education for the Chinese children has been regarded as a kind of business for the school managers. To whom as to a business man, business is business. Profits are their ultimate aim. Exploitation is their means to an end. Generally speaking vernacular education in this Colony has been a racket, tolerated by the fine British laissez-faire policy.

One Chinese journal once reported that in a certain period after the liberation buyers of real property were mostly managers of vernacular schools.

How did they amass their fortunes when other business men were having hard times? Here are some of the fantastic stories.

A certain school manager controlled some 1,400 pupils, each of them paying about \$300 a year. That meant a gross income of \$420,000.

Employed for eight months at \$150 monthly. The manager paid out some \$33,600. He grabbed some \$386,400. And he can hire an expert to make books showing that there was no profit.

And that did not include such items as library fees, laboratory fees, gymnasium fees, a small portion of which might have been spent.

Naturally such a school manager became a real estate magnate.

One or two school managers are now buying land lots and premises in big scale.

Why did the Director of Education not interfere and attempt to stop such rackets?

PARENT OF VERNACULAR SCHOOLBOYS.

Govt. Employees

Sir, I am one of the Government employees. I am paid on the last day of every month. I am not a rich man. I have no savings in bank. I have no money to give to my friends or relatives to pay for lunch, fares, and sundries. I have to sign up I. O. U. That means I owe people's money until I have my monthly pay to refund it. If I suffer from sickness or have some unexpected expenses, I nearly can't pay for them.

I think most of the Government employees suffer in the same way as I do. I hope this will draw Government's attention and to solve this problem. I suggest that employees would be paid half monthly instead of paying at the end of the long month.

I shall be very obliged if you will print this letter in your correspondence.

HOPEFUL.

Bus Complaint

Sir,—I am the holder of a season ticket issued by the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. for which I must pay \$18 monthly; yet almost every morning I have to go to my work at Kowloon City but by bus but by taxi! No, I haven't yet won a prize in the Cash Sweep.

In fact, after paying my taxi fare I invariably have no money left for my lunch.

The root of the rot is that it is literally impossible to get on any of the Nos. 1 or 13 buses at the bus stop near the junction of Nathan Road and Jordan Road or at any later stop for that matter, even after waiting patiently for half-an-hour. I must hurry.

While each and every one of the Kowloon City-bound buses is packed to capacity it is mad-dening to see a multitude of No. 2 buses passing by practically passengerless.

Considering the fact that the Nos. 1 and 13 buses have to cater to the innumerable students of Diocesan Boys' School, Maryknoll Convent School, and La Salle College, besides several other schools at Kowloon Tong and Kowloon City, plus the workers at Kai Tak Airport, would it be asking too much if I suggested that the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. put yet a few more buses on this route especially

Six Men Succeed In Appeal

A successful appeal by six men against the decision of Mr. A. D. Scholes, then Kowloon Magistrate, took place before Mr. Justice Williams, Puisne Judge, at the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The men, Wong Kiu, Wong Sau, Lo Hoi, Yeung Nui, Tam Wing and Chi Cheung, were convicted on March 10 for receiving 500 gallons of diesel oil in February while knowing it to be stolen oil. They were given sentences ranging from six to nine months of imprisonment.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland, Barrister, represented the appellants, Mr. M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector Serang, was for the Crown.

The appellants had been found guilty by the Magistrate of receiving the oil while it was being stolen from a launch belonging to the Hong Kong Wharf and Godown Company just off the Causeway. Day Typhoon Shelter.

Many others were convicted of larceny of the oil and were accordingly sentenced in the same case.

Addressing the Court, Mr. Russ stated that the appellants' case was that they were engaged by a man named Siu, who had been sentenced for stealing. They were only hired coolies and did not know the oil had been stolen.

Mr. Russ submitted that there was no evidence that they knew the oil was stolen, and that there was no sufficient evidence upon which the Magistrate could convict them.

Referring to the draining of the oil from the launch in question through a rubber pipe, counsel pointed out that was not denied. "The six men were acting innocently," he declared. "It would be a dreadful tragedy to convict them at all."

Mr. Russ went on to say that Siu himself corroborated the state-ment of his clients when he said he hired them as coolies to put the cargo onto his boat.

Crown Counsel then told the Court that it was his submission that there was sufficient evidence for the Magistrate to come to the conclusion that in view of certain evidence the six men knew that the oil was stolen oil.

Going back to the night in question, Mr. Heenan said that it was 8.35 p.m. when the police party found the launch tied alongside two junks, about 200 yards from shore in complete darkness. The police boarded the launch first and then went on to the junk. Six men were seen filling drums with diesel oil coming from a pipe from the launch.

In view of the circumstances in which the oil was being taken, Mr. Heenan contended, the men

could have known that the oil was being stolen. He further submitted that an Appeal Court should be reluctant to vary the Magistrate's decision, as the Magistrate had the opportunity of seeing and hearing the defendants in person.

In quashing the conviction, Mr. Justice Williams held that the Magistrate did not sufficiently differentiate between the six appellants and the others. It did not necessarily mean, he ruled, that the men could have come to the conclusion that the oil was being stolen because the work was being done in boats displaying no lights and in other circumstances.

"In a criminal case," he declared, "suspicion, ever grave, is insufficient."

Order For Eviction

An order for eviction was made yesterday by Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton, sitting as Tenancy Magistrate, against the Apollo Book Company of 67B Des Voeux Road, Central.

The applicants in the dispute, Messrs. Anderson, Meyer and Company, owners of the premises, applied for an eviction order against the tenants on the grounds that the tenancy had been transferred to another without their knowledge, contrary to agreement reached between them.

An order for mesne profits from March 148 to the date of recovery of the premises, being \$770 a month, was also made by Mr. D'Alton.

Execution of the eviction order is to be made 30 days after the order.

Mr. D. B. Evans represented the applicants. The Apollo Book Company were represented by Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios.

BROTHEL-KEEPER SENTENCED

A married woman was sentenced to three months' imprisonment without option and fined \$250 or three months' imprisonment by Mr. J. Wickes at Kowloon yesterday for keeping a brothel in her premises at 7, Temple Street, first floor.

Law Yuet, aged 30, was also recommended for deportation.

Defendant was arrested during a police raid on her premises.

Countryside Around Shanghai Quiet

Though it may soon become a battlefield, the countryside around Shanghai is amazingly quiet, according to eyewitness accounts.

Pilots returning from the Northern city yesterday told the "China Mail" that they had seen no troops on the roads leading to the city and that even neighbouring towns where the troops of the Communists are supposedly in control appeared completely normal.

"There was nothing doing around either the Yangtze or Kiangsu," said one pilot. "No troops, no smoke, no flak, no nothing."

Kashing, 60 miles South West of Shanghai, was reported several days ago to be under attack, while Government troops and personnel were said to have evacuated Hangchow on Saturday.

Lungchow, north of Shanghai, according to incoming passengers yesterday, now looks deserted, in comparison with what it was like a week ago. Soldiers guard the

during the rush hours in the morning and afternoon. If there is a shortage of buses in the main-land what about those converted "lorry-buses"? They sure would come in handy. Egotistically speaking, they would at least help to save my taxi fares.

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Returning To Malaya



Squatting in characteristic Japanese fashion is Madam Keyoue Omachi binte Abdullah with her daughters, en route to Malaya aboard the ss. Wosang to rejoin her husband, who is a Malay village headman in Perak State. Their return to Malaya was granted after nearly a year's negotiation between SCAP and the British authorities. ("China Mail" Photo.)

Jap Woman Waiting Patiently For Ship

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

In the 'tween deck of the ss. Wosang, now lying at West Point Wharf, squats an aged Japanese woman who waits patiently for the British steamer to leave for Malaya, where she will be re-united with her husband after nearly eight years of separation.

Madam Keyoue Omachi binte Abdullah, 53-year-old wife of a Malay village "pengulu" (headman), became a British internee just before the Japanese occupied Malaya in 1941 and spent four years in camp at New Delhi before she was repatriated to Japan in 1946.

Top-level arrangements between the British authorities both at Japan and in Malaya and the Supreme Command of the Allied Powers enabled Madam Abdullah and her two daughters to return to her husband, who is a village headman in Perak State.

The grey-haired dapper Japanese woman was having lunch with her children when I saw them in 'tween deck of the Wosang, which arrived here yesterday from Japan via Foochow with 168 passengers, including 31 foreigners, mostly missionaries.

In between mouthfuls of noodles, she spoke of life in her motherland, where she had not seen for more than 30 years. "The Japanese men and women are taking life more seriously evidently because of the food shortage and money," she said in fluent Malay, a language which she learned in childhood.

There was no trouble in Japan, at least in Nagasaki, where she stayed with her 80-year-old mother and her four teen-age sons, who are remaining behind to continue on with their studies.

People were more interested in trying to get more food and earn more than to worry about the political tug of war between the various parties, she asserted. "I am joining my husband in Perak where we have a big farm. My daughters will go to school and learn English as well as Malay," she said.

Madam Abdullah speaks broken English, Chinese and Malay, besides her own national language.

Ten Cent Stores

She came to Malaya with her parents at the age of 12. It was during the period when many Japanese businessmen migrated to Malaya to begin the popular "ten cent stores," which thrived prosperously for many years there.

Her husband communicated with her in 1948 and negotiations through the British authorities went on through the year, which ultimately ended with SCAP granting permission early this year to the mother and her two children to return to Malaya.

She is one of the few Japanese who have been allowed to return there.

ELEPHANTS FOR CIGARETTES

Calcutta, May 3. A disgruntled party of North Burmese tribesmen set out for home yesterday after trekking to the Assam town-ship of Ledo to trade three elephants for cigarettes.

Ledo merchants did not have enough amokas to swing such a big deal.—Associated Press.

Watchman Caught Napping

"This is a rather serious case. A private watchman, armed with a shot gun, and went to sleep. It would have been very easy for anyone to snatch the gun away from him."

This was what Inspector Brownrigg said when Yip Wah, aged 30, of No. 15 Fort Street, ground floor, was brought before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday for sleeping while on duty.

Yip was fined \$100 or one month's imprisonment.

According to the prosecution, defendant was found sleeping in a private car at North View Road near Fort Street, yesterday morning.

Defendant pleaded that he had a slight headache, and was just taking a nap.

Glass Sheets Returned

The case against Lo Shiu, charged with exporting prohibited goods and unmanifested goods was continued before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Inspector Humphreys said that the glass sheets found on board ss. Ping On are not prohibited goods.

Mr. F. Zimmern, on behalf of his client, pleaded guilty to the second charge.

Defendant was discharged on the first charge and cautioned on the second charge.

The five cases of glass sheets were ordered to be returned.

SHIP SOLD FOR \$26,000

The coaster Po Tor, which hit a mine more than a year ago en route to Hainan from Canton with troops aboard, was sold for \$26,000 yesterday at Lamport Brothers' auction room to Mr. Ip Kam-ming.

Only four bids were made—\$20,000, \$21,000, \$25,000 and \$26,000.

DON'T GET US WRONG ABOUT CONCUBINES

The 12 points governing the keeping of concubines, which were discussed by the Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club recently were no more than points of reference, and not proposals, said a member of the Club to the "China Mail" yesterday.

Since the publication of the 12 points a wrong impression had been created among the public who were led to believe that Hong Kong Chinese women had laid down specified rules under which their husbands might take in concubines, our informant said.

The points were brought up as a basis for discussion only to see how far, if possible, they could meet prevailing conditions, and to what extent they could be fused into any recommendations to be made to Government in any revision that might be made in the Chinese laws applied under the Hong Kong ordinances in the Colony.

Our informant said a member of the Club was sitting on the committee appointed by Government to consider such law revision.

"We are, of course, mainly concerned with Chinese law affecting women. At present such law is still based on that of 1843, which is, of course, very much outmoded," our informant said.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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holders of the Company will be
held at the Company's Office,
Windsor House, Mezzanine
Floor, Hongkong, on Thursday,
5th May, 1949 at 11 a.m. for
the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors to-
gether with Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ended
31st December, 1948, to sanc-
tion the declaration of a
Dividend and to re-elect
Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Thursday, 21st April to Thurs-
day 5th May, both days in-
clusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors.

A. A. BRENNER,
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 12, 1949.

Swede Fined
For Drunkenness

Ake Wester, aged 20, assis-
tant engineer of ss. Salen, of
Sweden, was fined \$15 by Mr.
J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday
for being drunk in a public
place.

Wester was found by the po-
lice on Tuesday morning on
Tsimshutsui pier.

Earlier in the morning two
Canadian seamen were dis-
charged when the prosecution with-
drew the charges against them.

Reginald Vande Schaaf of
HMCS "Crescent" and Robert
Charles McManus, also of HMCS
"Crescent", were alleged to have
behaved in a disorderly manner
under the influence of liquor, or
Monday.

The prosecution further al-
leged that Schaaf had assaulted a
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Divisional Superintendent Hal-
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HOLDERS will be held in the
Board Room of the Company,
Room No. 308, Queen's Build-
ing, Hong Kong, on Thursday,
the 19th May, 1949, at noon for
the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider
the Statement of Ac-
counts and Balance Sheet
and the Report of the
Directors and Auditors
thereon.
2. To declare a dividend.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors and
fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other
ordinary business of the
Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY
GIVEN that the TRANSFER
BOOKS of the COMPANY will
be closed from the 10th May,
1949 to the 19th May, 1949,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors.

R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, April 29, 1949.

MARINE DEPARTMENT
NOTICE NO. 15 OF 1949

FOR INFORMATION
OF SHIP OPERATORS
AND CHARTERERS

It is hereby notified that
Saturday, 30th April, and Sun-
day, 1st May, 1949, have been
declared Weather-non-working
days.

N. GARLAND,
Acting Director of Marine.

Marine Office,
Hong Kong, May 2, 1949.

More Evidence
In Tramway Case

Further evidence was heard
at Central yesterday in the
"Tramway Case" involving 14
Tramway inspectors and a con-
ductor.

They are charged with "con-
spiracy to defraud the Company
by permitting the re-sale of old
and used tickets.

Mr. John MacNeil, instructed
by Mr. P.A.L. Vine, is conduct-
ing the prosecution and 11 of the
defendants are represented by
Mr. M. A. du Silva and the other
three by Mr. P. C. Woo.

Walter Chong, conductor No.
429, said that he heard about the
"Water Buffalo" scheme (a pass-
word alleged to have been used
by conductors to inspectors so
that the latter would not check
on the tickets) through the gos-
sip of his fellow workers.

Continuing, he said that he
knew conductor 394 at the end
of 1947 and in the early part of
1948 the conductor told him that
an inspector had asked him to
join in the re-sale of old and
used tickets.

Hearing will be continued to-
day.

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For Drunkenness

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Earlier in the morning two
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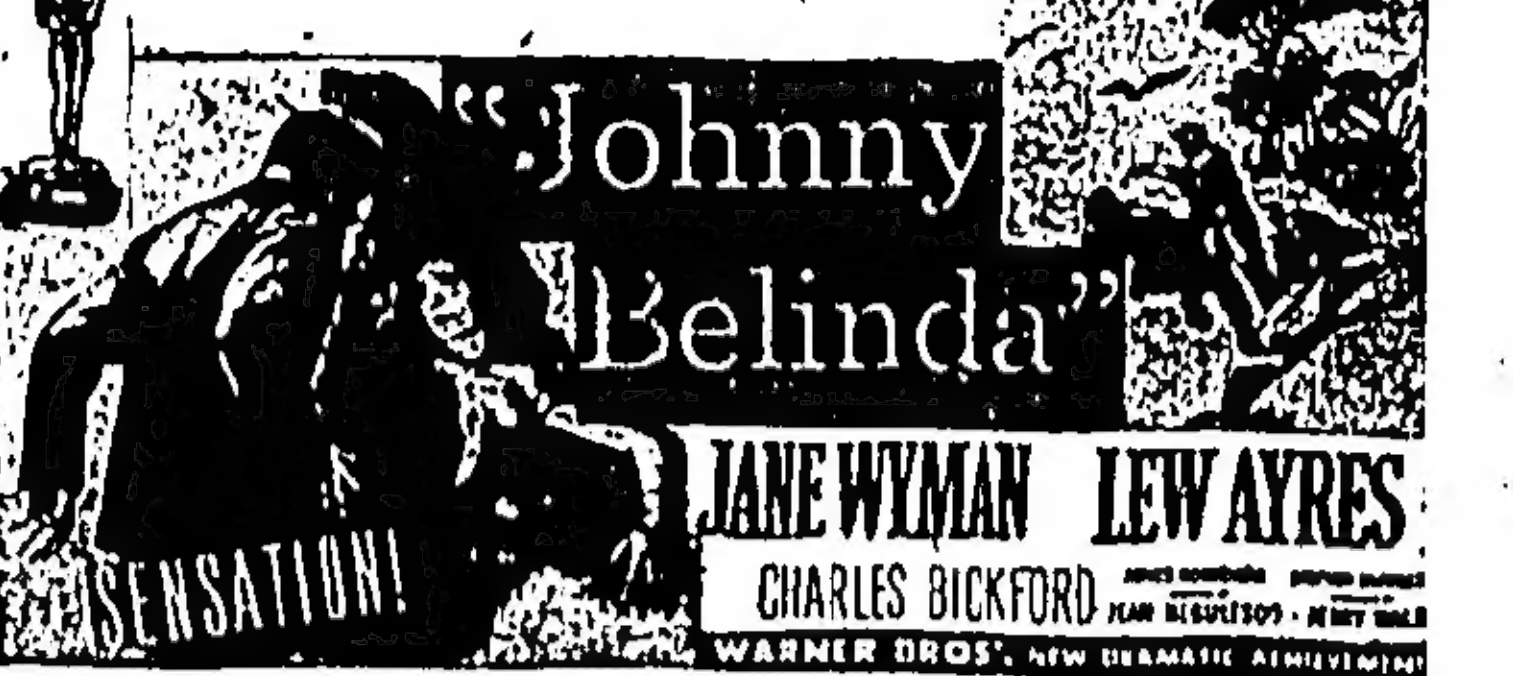
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braiding of partners is done by
weak players than by strong
ones. The better a player is, the
better he can appreciate the point
of view of the one across the ta-
ble. It is when some action by
a partner proves costly that the
arguments are heard among lesser
contestants. They are prone to
base their attitude on results
rather than upon the sound
thinking that ordinarily would
pay dividends.

Where lesser pairs were in the
East-West places, censure of
West came from East. Peculiar-
ly, the worse the pair, the more
vehement East's criticism, based
on the idea that West should
have been warned of a freakish
situation by South's bidding. But
the fine players all agreed that,
even with that warning, West
practically had to double.

Tomorrow's Problem

S 7 6 5 3
H J 8 7 5
D 10 8
C K 6 5

S 9 4
H K 10
D Q 5 3
C Q 10 9
8 7 3

S J 8 2
H A Q 6 2
D A K 9 8 2
C 4

(Dealer: South. Both sides
vulnerable).

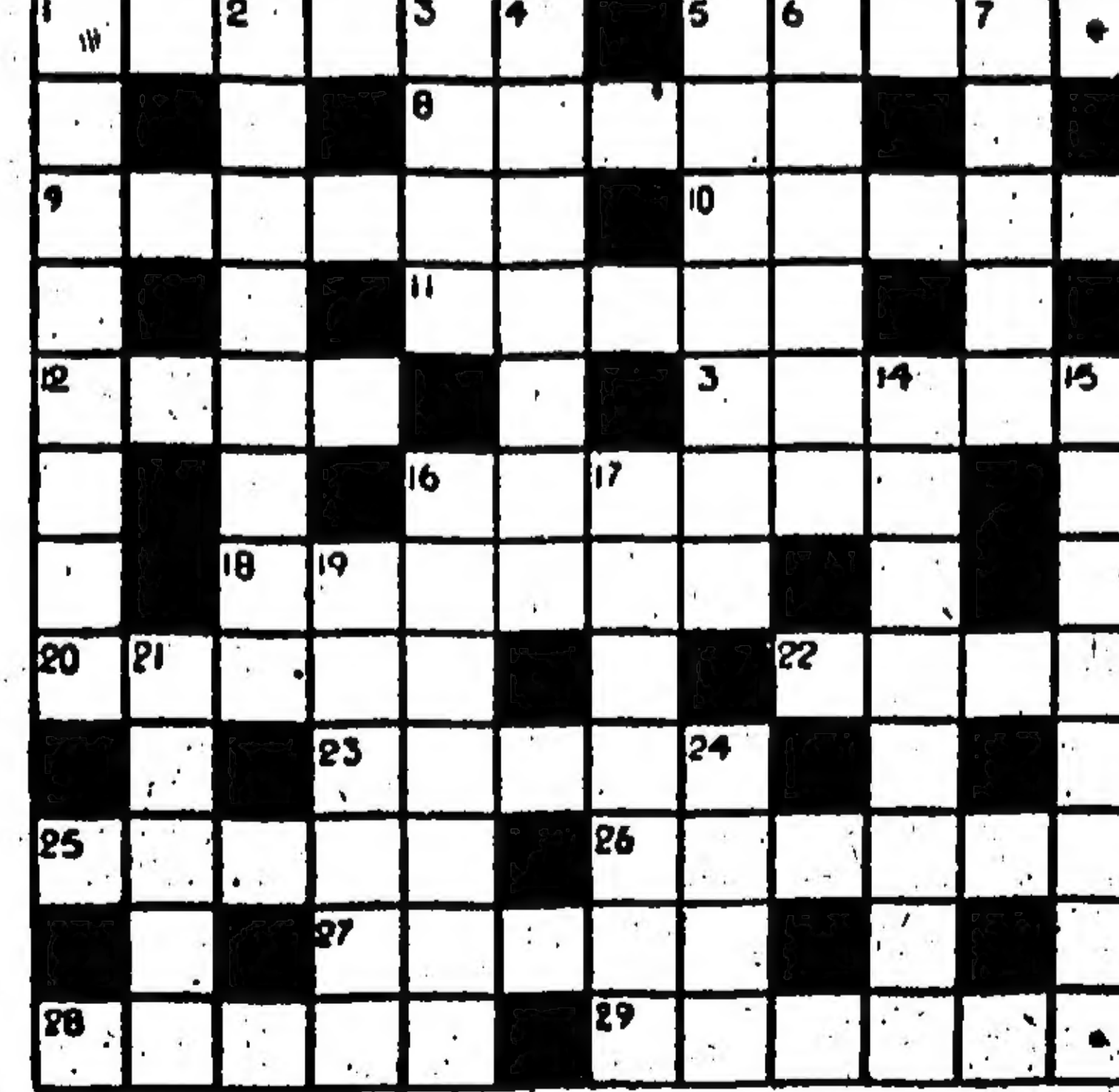
What is the correct defence
against West's 3-No Trumps if
he makes the correct try for his
contract?

Would you double that con-
tract if you held West's hand?
We certainly hope you would,
having an apparently sure trick
in spades, a highly probable one
in clubs, plus an ideal lead
against a small slam, plus the
chance for a trick in trumps. At
every table in the tournament
where South reached 6-Hearts,
West did double it, and in every

case the contract was made, with
the loss of only one trick to the
spade A, since the double told
South how he should try the dia-
mond finesse.

The only difference at these
tables came in the conversation
after the double had increased
the opponents' score. Where two
of the world's finest players were
paired in the East-West seats,
about all that East had to say
was: "Tough luck. You certainly
had to double that. It would
have been terrible bridge if you
hadn't."

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Across

1 Accident. 20 Duck. 21 Fete. 22 Colour. 23 Slope. 24 Competitors. 25 Attack. 26 Slope. 27 Fault. 28 Eats away.

Down

1 Temperate. 2 Relished. 3 Lily. 4 Marched in procession. 5 Holiday. 6 Freedom of access. 7 Heavenly being. 8 Pleader. 9 Monkey. 10 Torture. 11 Cut part. 12 Motive. 13 Perfect. 14 Ceremony.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across:—1 Remote. 5 Pedal. 8 Alar. 9 Centre. 11 Enact. 12 Dances. 14 Toss. 16 Rouse. 17 Inure. 19 Stir. 20 Tamper. 24 Trial. 25 Bodage. 26 X-ray. 27 Donor. 28 Leader.

Down:—1 Rick. 2 Mend. 3 Turn. 4 Elects. 5 Present. 6 Despair. 7 Lassoon. 10 Tutor. 13 Visited. 14 Bullion. 15 Settler. 17 Oiled. 19 Symbol. 21 Foss. 22 Mend. 23 Pair.

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CLOSE SESSION SOON

India May Reject UN Truce Terms

New Delhi, May 3. A government spokesman said on Monday that India probably will reject the United Nations final truce terms on Kashmir, thus deadlocking the long drawn out negotiations over the princely state.

Rejection of the terms probably would mean the United Nations Kashmir Commission would have to report the deadlock to the UN Security Council.

The spokesman said India probably will reply to the Commission when Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru returns on May 7. The Commission presented its terms to India and Pakistan on Thursday with a request for reply within seven days.

The spokesman said the Commission wants India to withdraw her troops out of Kashmir without waiting for a decision on the withdrawal and disbandment of 35 battalions on the Pakistan side. Associated Press.

The vote on Israel was 42 to 12, with three abstentions. By a vote of 29 to 18, with five abstentions, the Assembly voted to refer the Indonesian question also to the Ad Hoc Political Committee.

After voting on the proposals before it, the Assembly adjourned. Earlier, the Bureau of the Assembly today approved a large part of May 14 for the completion of the present session of the Assembly.

It rejected a Russian proposal to transfer the Indian complaint against South Africa from the agenda of the regular Political Committee to the Minor Political Committee. The voting on the proposal, made by the President of the Assembly, Dr. Herbert E. Evans, was 14 to 2, with one abstention. Russia and Poland voted against.

During the discussion the Soviet delegate, M. Jacob Malik, said that if the Assembly were to consider all the items on its agenda the nearest date on which it could finish its work would be May 18. His proposal to transfer the Indian complaint to the Minor Political Committee was defeated by six votes to four, with three abstentions.

Dr. Evans appealed to the various Committees to co-operate to meet the target date. The Bureau then adjourned to allow the Assembly to deal with its proposals. Reuter.

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The opening ceremony was performed by the Minister of the Interior, M. Oskar Helmer. The laundry building has been converted into a chapel. Five of the camp's 24 huts were preserved, and the sites of the other huts planted with flowers and grass to make an attractive park.

The camp walls, which once bristled with electrified wires, have been mended. The former staff buildings are to be converted into a guest house for the thousands who are expected to make the pilgrimage to this tragic spot. Reuter.

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All Set For 'Little Bikini' Atom Test

London, May 2. Virtually wartime secrecy was clamped down on Britain's "Little Bikini" atomic tests—a bombless bombardment of the 5,220-ton cruiser Arethusa.

Arethusa lay moored and abandoned just off Spithead in the Portsmouth area and naval vessels patrolled the adjoining waters to warn all shipping not to approach within a radius of a thousand yards.

A few hundred yards in the cruiser, a strange, barge, a contraption lay anchored, a pontoon, prepared to batter the Arethusa with gamma rays. Guns apparently were mounted on four upright pillars at each corner of the barge, a process that spurred speculation that the British might be working on some form of "death ray".

Officially, all the Admiralty would say was the tests would determine how a warship, without extra protection of lead or concrete, would survive a gamma ray bombardment. United Press.

Yugoslavia Increases Efforts To Bring Land Under State Control

Belgrade, May 3. In quest of mass production, Yugoslavia has increased its efforts to bring the nation's farmers—and their land—under state control.

It is called collectivisation—this system in the Communist-controlled countries of putting basic industries on the assembly line principle in the form of working co-operatives.

For some, it obviously means sacrifice—both in terms of income and independence. For others, it means improved living conditions and a chance to become something better than a farm hand.

But, for a state dedicated to the principles of Communism, the system of organised work and planned economy is the backbone of its existence. And Yugoslavia has gone to work to make that backbone stiffer.

Since the first of this year, the number of farmers' working co-operatives has nearly doubled. There were only 31 at the end of 1945, according to figures published by Borba, official newspaper of Marshal Tito's Government.

In the next year, the total jumped to 454 and in 1947 increased to 808. By the end of last year, there were 1,318. Now there are close to 2,000 representing 84,172 families and covering more than 1,108,500 acres of land.

Part of the increase can be attributed to a resolution passed at a plenary session of the Communist party of Yugoslavia this year which condemned profiteering by "rich" peasants and declared the time ripe to intensify formation of working co-operatives.

Part of it, too, is obviously a result of the heavy system of taxation for the farmer who cold-shoulders the co-operative programme and who concentrates, instead, upon producing only for personal gain.

For example—again citing figures made public by Borba—in 1947, families with an income of more than 50,000 dinars (about \$1,000) paid 54.2 per cent of the total tax collected from agricultural production although they represented only 6.2 per cent of the population in that tax bracket.

On the other hand, those in the lower income group paid 45.8 per cent—or less than half the total—even though they represented 45.8 per cent of Yugoslavia's farming families.

For a demonstration of how the co-operatives are functioning, a party of foreign correspondents was taken by bus to two of the big farms near the fortress city of Novi Sad in the centre of Eastern Yugoslavia's breadbasket.

On one of the farms live 97 families whose members share the task of tilling its soil and tending its livestock. In return, they receive food and living quarters, a share in the farm's profits and government coupons with which they can buy merchandise such as clothes at rates far below regular prices in town. Their total reward for their labour is based upon the number of man hours of work contributed.

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COMMUNIST FIFTH COLUMN IS BUSY IN IBERIA

By CEDRIC SALTER

There are unmistakable signs that, as a move to out-flank the Atlantic Pact, International Communism is considering the Iberian Peninsula for its next major drive.

Moscow believes that, in the event of war between East and West, France and Italy, both already enfeebled by a powerful Communist Fifth Column, will not be able to withstand the Red Army.

It is also believed there (and my informant was a Russian Colonel as long ago as 1944) that the first real obstacles that will be met will be the Channel and the Pyrenees.

With the Pyrenees held against her there would be time for America and Britain to employ Spain and Portugal as a ready-made bridgehead back into Europe, without the need for a second Normandy. What more natural than that she should already be actively at work behind what may prove to be her most serious land barrier? Such activities would be brought to light if Spain and Portugal join the Atlantic Pact—at least if they are permitted to join while they are still potential assets, not liabilities.

It was Communist pressure which was responsible for General Norton de Matos, the Opposition candidate in the Portuguese Presidential Election, to withdraw at the 11th hour. The first free elections in Portugal for more than 20 years were held largely in order to convince American public opinion of the Salazar regime's desire to turn away from Dictatorship and towards Democracy.

This was considered a necessary preliminary to Portugal's admission to the UN and inclusion into the Atlantic Pact. As early as the New Year I received positive news that International Communism had decided that this must be avoided.

The Alternative

The election of Norton de Matos, since his first act as President would have been to dissolve Salazar and open the way to the kind of weak Party system which the recent past has shown nearly always to be a favourable preliminary for a Communist coup, would have served their purpose, but his chances of success were always negligible.

To induce him to withdraw at the last moment, and so cheat the Government out of the propaganda benefits of a free election.

It is most significant that, even in Portugal, one of the few really prosperous countries in Europe today, their power was suddenly great to bring this about. Apart from the delaying effect of this Communist tactical victory upon Portugal's signature of the Atlantic Pact, there are signs that there will be internal repercussions before long.

But while International Communism has to content herself with delaying tactics in Portugal, her plans are further advanced in Spain.

Spain, for obvious geographic reasons, is an absolute necessity for an effective Atlantic Pact as a glance at the map will show. The American Military Mission which toured Spain last autumn went away completely convinced of that fact. Churchill obviously realised it when, in December, he urged that we should renew normal diplomatic relations with Franco.

The deliberate inflammation of idealistic political, not military, considerations that followed were mainly responsible for the idea being received so coldly. Civil War sentiment, which is utterly irrelevant to the problem of whether or not we are going to survive World War III, was once again whipped into life in New York and London by Communist's conscious and unconscious agents.

May Lose Value

However, International Communism is aware that common sense, in the form of including Spain in the Atlantic Pact, is gaining ground rapidly in America.

It is not in Britain. While, therefore, it uses France as a means to postpone Spain's inclusion, it is working very actively to ensure that, when the Democracies finally decide that survival is even more vital than politics, Spain will no longer be an asset to them.

Spain's economic collapse is now far advanced. Roads have not been repaired since Primo de Rivera built them a quarter of a century ago. The railways, both the tracks and rolling-stock, are completely worn out and cannot be replaced. Industry is at a standstill, with factories working one day a week, because Spain cannot buy hydro-electric machinery or raw materials. The sabotage of the existing material is continuous. Unless Spain gets economic help on a large scale, and very soon, she must inevitably collapse.

Summing up, International Communism hopes that, by the time it has been decided that the Franco regime is less of a menace to France than Stalin's, the Spain of Franco will have collapsed into economic anarchy, a ready-made ally of Communism, not of the signatories of the Atlantic Pact.

Similar To Anarchy

I am writing this message by candle-light. The last time I did that in Barcelona was when, in 1938, Italian aviators, working for Franco from Majorca, were pouring out their bombs on the defenceless city with greater enthusiasm than accuracy.

In those days there were a great many theoretical Anarchists making speeches about the place. Now there are no theorists making speeches, but there is something very near to practical anarchy spreading over large areas of Spain.

People have for so long been saying there is an economic crisis in Spain that the phrase has lost any real meaning to the man in the street. Now quite suddenly, the crisis has become painfully real because uncomfortable things are beginning to happen in such a way as to interfere with his personal daily life.

The event that has brought things to a head is the fault of no one—a drought of unexampled persistence which has emptied Spain's hydro-electric dams, and dried up her rivers into empty scars. The Civil War, World War II, then political instability, and open anarchy have in turn made it impossible for new hydro-electric machinery, or alternative coal, to be bought abroad since 1936 so that the drought must be added the wastage of worn-out plant.

Restractions have been increased from week to week since the autumn until now not only is there no current by day, but often no light at all by night. A radio is now no more than an article of interior decoration and electric fires are so much scrap metal. Cinemas are out to two performances a day and live flicker as they used to do 35 years ago.

Even provincial telephone exchanges, relying on batteries, fail to function for hours at a stretch. The streets are blacker than war-time London, and, as a direct consequence, robbery with violence is becoming alarmingly common in this city of nearly 2,000,000 inhabitants. Shops close early because they cannot illuminate their windows. Oil and kerosene lamps are at a premium.

No Current To Pump

Nor will inquiry of the authorities elicit at what hour today, tomorrow or next week the current is to be turned on. Pressed for an answer they say, "We keep it secret so that the unlicensed factories and private houses and flats (which dodge taxes) will not have time to assemble their employees and get to work before the current is cut off again."

Early in the morning the city is without water for days at a stretch as there is no current to pump it up to the roof tanks. Inevitably typhoid is on the increase and, unless the situation changes radically before the hot weather comes, will become epidemic.

Bridges damaged in the Civil War 11 years ago are still unrepaired. To send off this message I have had to ford a river. On the damaged bridge connecting up an arterial road two workmen were sitting alone, leisurely cooking their rice for lunch, over a fire made from the planking of the bridge they were supposed to be repairing.

If you must travel by train you send a message to the station, as I did yesterday, and ask, "What is a good time to come up in order to catch the 1.45 train?" I was given the answer, "About five past three seems a likely time."

One of the Franco laws which reconciled the mass of the workers to his regime was that none might be discharged for anything but criminal faults. So owners of electrically powered factories have, in recent months, been paying wages for only a 40-hour week to an irreducible number of workers who have been able to be productive for eight hours a week.

Quite obviously this could not continue indefinitely. To pay these salaries to non-productive workers even the very rich have had to sell property. As the only possible buyers were other "rich" who for the same reasons were selling their property, they have had to sell at one-third of the real value.

Belgium Is Willing But "Choosy"

By GAVIN GORDON

The occasion is an International Ball given by the Belgian Foreign Ministry in Brussels. For more than four hours representatives of the world's nations dance and dine together. Across the crowded floor swirl the gay costumes of America, France, Norway and the Latin countries.

Only Britain has not a national costume to angle with the rest. To the dancers on the floor the fact is not important. To the Belgian Foreign Minister watching the dance, however, the omission of a British national costume is a diplomatic blunder that does harm to Anglo-Belgian trade.

In 1947 Belgium was dollar-minded. She was dollar-minded to such an extent that she spent 65 dollars for every man, woman and child in the country—above the dollars she earned in her current trade.

That was the year when, the dollar supply having run low, she raised sterling and touched a couple of hundred million of the dollars loaned to Britain by the United States. Britain retaliated.

Last year, despite her Marshall aid, Belgium could spend only 40 dollars a head above her earnings. The pendulum of Belgium's trade was swinging more slowly—and more feebly. True, the shops still offered multitudes of American nylons, foodstuffs, packet soups, canned fruits and Bourbon "whisky."

To her people Belgium still made a show of good living and luxury. Last November, with her Benelux colleagues, Luxembourg and the Netherlands, she backed this up—told the Marshall Plan nations that she would always have to spend more dollars than she earned. It was Europe's job, she said, to make good the deficit Belgium, at least, would have no truck with austerity on the British model.

That was in November last year. Since then, however, the picture has changed.

European nations have found it harder and harder to pay for goods bought from Belgium. France stopped buying for three months.

Different Story

In Belgium a different story began to shape. It was austerity or bankruptcy. Everywhere unemployment began to mount. By Christmas the luxurious face of Belgium described by post-war travellers had begun to alter. The curtain dropped from the make-believe and revealed the facts.

One Belgian worker in every six was "workless." Just in time Belgium began to realise that if she wanted to sell her goods to Western Europe, she herself would have to buy the goods which Europe had to offer in exchange.

Today, Belgium has promised that she will no longer buy dollar goods if British products as food can be bought as cheaply. Today Britain has got her chance. British exporters have their greatest opportunity yet to boost Britain and British goods in a country that was once over-confidently dollar-struck.

As a proof of faith in the exporters the British Treasury has promised £1,100,000 for British tourists to spend in Belgium this year. If Britain's industries and exporters can do their job properly they will redeem the £2,000,000 of gold which Belgium trade has recently been snatching from Britain each month.

They will do even more than this. By supplying Belgium with heat she will put a stop to Communist tactics to make Europe helpless without Marshall aid.

If Europe can supply Belgium's demands, there will be a greater chance than ever of security without American help when the Marshall Plan ends in 1952.

The warning of the International

Ball, however, is that, with this new market to play with, Britain must not be over-confident.

Let there be no mistake. Belgium has no intention of tightening her belt. She has worked hard and, more than that, she has lived comfortably since the war. She means to go on living well.

If British exporters will take the trouble to send her the goods she needs—goods cheap and good quality—then Belgium will buy from Britain. If British exporters cannot or will not do this, then Belgium will turn to other markets.

Must Hold Their Own

Belgium is offering more generously than ever before to "buy British," but Britain's wars will have to hold their own in competition, on level terms, against supplies from Switzerland, Italy, France, Scandinavia, and even Germany.

The export effort will be no picnic. Exporters will succeed only if they study the market carefully. The tall windows cut for bold design in curtain material. Few Belgian women wear like plain curtains and few Belgian men care for pyjamas in striped material. Such examples are legion, and each exporter must make his own study. It would be a waste of effort to offer goods which do not suit the local taste.

Belgium is used to very high prices. They are falling now, but there are many traders who struggle to charge as much as they think the market will bear. In times of falling prices they find the market slipping away from them, and exporters of British goods would do well to check the prices at which their wares reach the consumer.

I have seen children's British-made "utility"—marked flannel shorts selling at £2 a pair, and Christmas tree lights at 30/- for a string of a dozen.

It is worth, wherever possible, developing trade marks and advertising the retail price, as a safeguard against price abuses.

The import tariff is not high, but, with the Transactions Tax which follows, prices quickly rise if there are too many middlemen. Competition is, and always will be, fierce. Success in the attack will be the supreme test of Britain's power as an exporting nation. Other countries are attacking as well.

The lesson of the International Ball must not be forgotten.

MP's COMPLAINT OVER AUSTRIA

London, May 2. Mr. Philip Piratin, Communist, complained in the House of Commons today of the activities of the "Association of Independents" in Austria which he described as a "Neo-Fascist organisation appealing to former Nazis."

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, replied that, as far as he knew, no occupying powers had proposed action against the association on grounds that it is Fascist. Mr. Mayhew said: "The organisation has not offended any Allied Council directive. If it does so, it will be firmly dealt with."

Mr. Mayhew said the Government distinguished between Fascists and those whom the Communists call Fascists.—Reuter.

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An entomologist reports a strange metallic-tinted butterfly in Eastern Europe. Can it be that moths are getting into the iron curtain?

Speaker remarks that Hong Kong is not only interested in the dollar, perhaps not. One hears talk of pesos and sterling also.

"Wanted—Elderly lady for companion. Nice condition. Box...." I know one who's never been out of her case.

Recent arrivals from Shanghai give us another angle on the march of the American way of life. Seems the market has been flooded with plastic chopsticks, much cheaper than ivory. The custom of fastidious diners-out up there is to call for a bowl of boiling water and sterilise the tableware. This works out all right with ivory chopsticks, but the modern variety come out of the vessel as limp as macaroni.

Commenting on reports that Northern Ireland may adopt Ulster as its legal name, a Dublin newspaper said:

To give effect to this audacious fraud on history and geography a proposal would perpetuate. That'll make them think, up in Belfast.

A girl we know says she has two strings to her bow. Myrtle thinks she means two banx on a string.

Many a worm that turns is really only squirming.

I dislike the violin because I don't think the hair of a horse drawn across the intestines of a pussy does justice to Debussy.

"There is an apparent flattening of the curve of production," reports Sir Stafford Cripps. That's what comes of having got round the corner so often.

A busy doctor says he saves much time by displaying prominently in the waiting room a notice: "Have your symptoms ready."

"Five dollars for the lady, sir," said the waiter at the Chinese cover-charge dance hall. "Thank heavens," said the bloke. "Somebody's made me a fair offer for her at last."

A friend of ours still can't work out the comment on his small son's school report: "Keen, but lacks enthusiasm."

"There isn't a more pleasant place on earth than Palm Beach if you want to freeze to death. Instead of shivering in furs and mufflers your teeth chatter in chiffon and shorts."

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"Flower girls were Anna Role, cousin of the bridegroom, and Blanche Patterson, sister of the torso...."

Sounds terribly fashionable.

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Five New Saints Are Canonised

Vatican City, May 2. Page Plus XII today attended a semi-public Consistory of Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops, which gave favourable votes for the canonisation of five new Saints: two French and three Italian nuns.

The dates for the canonisation ceremonies were fixed as follows:

May 13 this year—Jeanne De L'Estonne, a niece of the French writer and philosopher Montaigne, who died in 1550. After her husband's death she founded a women's congregation, the "Jesuitines", which included mainly converted Protestant women.

June 12 this year—Maria Giuseppina Roselli, the Italian founder of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, who died in 1880.

Three ceremonies will take place next year—the Catholic Church's Holy Year.

May 16, 1950—a combined ceremony canonising two Italian nuns, Vincenza Gerosa and Bartolomea Capitanio; the latter founded the Sisters of Charity and died in 1833.

May 28, 1950—Jeanne De Valois, daughter of King Louis XI of France and wife of King Louis XII. After her husband's death she founded the Order of the Annunciation, a religious order for women. She died in 1505 and is considered a Saint in France, being feted on February 4.—Reuter.

Foreign Office Confirms Burma Talk

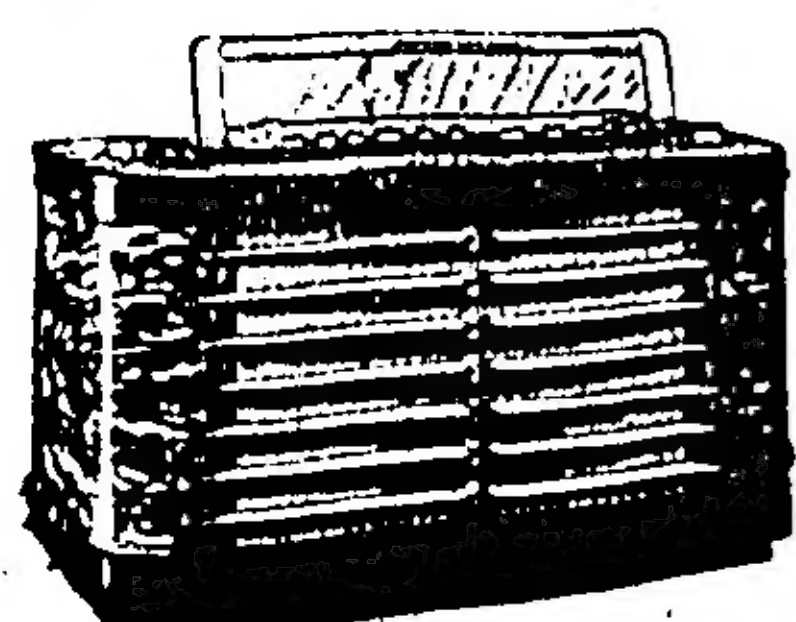
London, May 2.

The British Foreign Office today confirmed that the question of aid to Burma was discussed at informal meetings of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers last week.

Officials said, however, they could not confirm Rangoon reports that the Commonwealth countries already had agreed to provide a loan and arms for the Burmese government.

The officials said: "At the New Delhi conference, the question of aid to Burma was discussed, but no decision was reached when the conference adjourned. But the question of aid to Burma was kept under consideration and discussed by the appropriate Prime Ministers during the Commonwealth conference in London last week."

In the meantime, it was understood that the majority of Commonwealth Prime Ministers agreed that Thakin Nu's government must be supplied with capital to save it from collapse. It has been tacitly agreed that a Commonwealth loan should be made, but decisions on the form and extent of such aid must await the return of the Indian, Pakistani and Ceylon Prime Ministers to their respective capitals.—United Press.



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Three-Power Talks At Lake Success Time Table Given

Lake Success, May 2.

The three Western powers have proposed to the Soviet Union to open up Berlin by May 10 and to hold a Council of Foreign Ministers' meeting by about May 23, it was reliably learned here today.

In the three-power talks held here today, it was understood that Dr. Philip Jessup, Sir Alexander Cadogan and M. Jean Chauvel had agreed on a joint note to be sent to the Russian delegate to the United Nations, M. Jacob Malik.

The contents of the note were not revealed, but it was learned reliably to contain a tentative timetable for lifting the trade and transport restrictions in Berlin and for a meeting of the Foreign Ministers.

The note also suggested to M. Malik that the time had come to hold four-power talks between Britain, the United States, France and Russia. All the recent discussions on Berlin have been between Dr. Jessup and M. Malik. The Western view now is that matters have progressed far enough to enable the four powers concerned to sit around a table and work out a definite timetable for the next stage of the negotiations.

The dates of May 10 and May 23 are understood to be tentative and subject to further modification. M. Malik's reply to the Washington note is expected tomorrow.

In Paris, meanwhile Dr. Jessup and M. Malik, the Russian negotiator, are now drafting a communiqué on the lifting of the Berlin blockade and the holding of a four-power meeting. It was learned from well-informed quarters.

The text of the communiqué has yet to be submitted to the British and French Governments. A Reuter despatch from New York said the British, French and United States representatives there talked for an hour and a half today on Berlin. Negotiations were afterwards officially stated to be progressing satisfactorily.

Strong Front

The Russians will face a strongly united front of the Western powers when they come to Paris for the meeting of the Foreign Ministers. It was learned from Paris sources.

The Soviet Government has accepted all the Western Allies' preliminary conditions for a resumption of the four-power talks on Germany as a whole and Berlin in particular.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, confirmed today that an agreement on a new meeting had been reached. He ridiculed reports about divergencies of view between Britain, on the one hand, and France and the United States, on the other, about handling the Russian offer to resume the talks.

The truth, according to high diplomatic sources in the French capital, is that the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, discussed the Russian "peace" feelers with Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, in Washington last month and they have reached full agreement before Dr. Jessup was authorised to enter

Expellees From East Germany

Frankfurt, May 2.

Mr. Werner Middelmann, secretary-general of the combined refugee administration in the Anglo-American zone, said that 7,000,000 German expellees from Eastern Europe now live in the three-Western zones of Germany.

In addition, he said, there are some 3,500,000 expellees in the Russian occupation zone.

According to Mr. Middelmann, most of the German refugees have lost most of their property and live in very poor conditions. The expellees who were sent away from their homes in territory now under direct or indirect Russian control had to leave behind 100,000,000 Deutschmarks worth of goods, houses and land, he emphasised. A large part of this property was taken by Poland, Czechoslovakia and other countries now behind the Iron Curtain.

Mr. Middelmann, who is also deputy chief of the refugee section of the bizonal economic administration, said the refugee organisation considered that it is better to lift the living standard of these expellees up to that of the Western German population rather than to face the danger of the German population's living standard being dragged down to the present state of the expellees.

In close co-operation with the Western countries, it should be possible to give adequate financial help to the 7,000,000 German expellees and thus change Western Germany from a possible area of influence for Asia into a European bulwark, he said.

The working group set up by the World Council of Churches in Geneva recently to implement aid to the German refugees proved that these ideas were now backed by an international organisation, he added. The problem of these expellees is no longer urgent. Mr. Middelmann added that the 200,000 German refugees who were brought back to Western Germany from Denmark had been spread all over the three Western zones with most going to the French zone.

These refugees, Mr. Middelmann said, have to be supported by the German government.—United Press.

LIAQUAT ALI KHAN IN DUBLIN

Dublin, May 2.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, the Pakistani Prime Minister, who arrived here by air today from London, smiled and declined to give a direct answer when newspaper correspondents asked him if Pakistan would follow India's example and become a republic, either within or outside the Commonwealth.

"My visit here is purely a social one," he said. "I have nothing to add to that."—Reuter.

Western observers at present expect the Russians to refuse these conditions for Eastern Germany. Failing a merger of Eastern Germany with the West German system, now being set up, the Western Allies would be prepared to offer the Russians a bridge between the two territories. This would be a liaison committee in Berlin, consisting of Germans only, to co-ordinate relations, their chief task being to deal with economic problems.

If, contrary to expectations, the Russians agree to allow real democracy in their German Zone, this would certainly mean progress for Western ideas and a defeat for Communism.

If they agree to a partial restoration of relations—chiefly economic—this again can only give the Western idea a footing in what is now completely Soviet-dominated territory.

In any event, the Western Allies appear to be the trump cards for the forthcoming four-power talks.—Reuter.



"Mister, didn't it ever occur to you to carry American Express Travelers Cheques?"

Foreign Ministers In London For Council Meeting

London, May 2.

Ten European Foreign Ministers will attend a Conference opening at St. James's Palace here tomorrow to plan a Council of Europe.

Representing the five Western Union-partners, the three Scandinavian Powers, Italy and Eire, the Ministers will work on the basis of recommendations from officials of the 10 Powers who met here recently.

The decision to set up a Council of Europe, composed of an Assembly and a Committee of Ministers, was taken in January by the Consultative Council of Western Union.

Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, will preside at the conference which is to last two or three days.

He will place before the Ministers for amendment or approval a draft statute for the Council of Europe.

Among points which the Ministers must decide is whether or not any additional members shall be admitted to the Council at this stage. Greece and Turkey have let it be known that they are seeking membership and the Foreign Ministers of Britain, France and the United States announced in Washington recently that Western Germany would qualify to apply for membership as soon as a West German government comes into being.

The conference will also be asked to approve a draft statute for a Preparatory Commission of representatives of the 10 Powers to sit in London to complete arrangements for the Council's first meeting—at present tentatively set for next August in Strasbourg.

The Preparatory Commission's Chairman, expected to be a Belgian, will be nominated during the present conference and the Commission is expected to hold an inaugural meeting before the full conference adjourns.

The Assembly, according to usually reliable sources will number 87 delegates drawn from the 10 member Powers. France, Britain and Italy will have 18 members each; Belgium, Sweden and the Netherlands six each; Denmark, Eire and Norway four each and Luxembourg three.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman and the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlos Sforza, were optimistic over the prospects for tomorrow's Council of Europe meeting here when they arrived at Victoria Station tonight aboard the Golden Arrow train from Paris.

Allighting from his pullman into a large crowd of waiting friends and officials, M. Schuman said, "I am glad to be meeting my nine colleagues for the signature of the Charter of Europe. I think it is a very important event for the peace and progress of nations."

M. Schuman told reporters that he did not expect to discuss the Berlin blockade question with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin. He indicated that the Washington talks on this matter were all that was required at the moment.

Count Sforza, who travelled in another coach, declared, "Never have I gone on a treaty-making mission with more hope, confidence and optimism. We are really making Europe."

"It would be a very bad business if we were cynical and sceptical, because at this moment we must give everybody the impression of seriously trying to build up Europe."

Met At Station

M. Rene Massigli, the French Ambassador in London, and the Italian Ambassador, Duke Tommaso Gallarati-Scotti, were at the station to meet their Foreign Ministers when the Golden Arrow arrived.

The wife and daughter of the Italian Ambassador, many other representatives of the London embassies, and British Foreign Office officials, were also there.

A long line of official and diplomatic cars took the Ministers and their parties to their respective embassies where dinner awaited them.

Meanwhile, Mr. Halvard Lange, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, arrived at Northolt Airport near here today on a Scandinavian Airlines Skyliner to attend the meeting of the Council of Europe tomorrow.

He said he hoped the Council would proceed carefully, and not take the second step before the first.

"In fact we must keep on the ground all the time," he concluded.—Reuter.

India Shows Interest In U.S. Army

Washington, May 2.

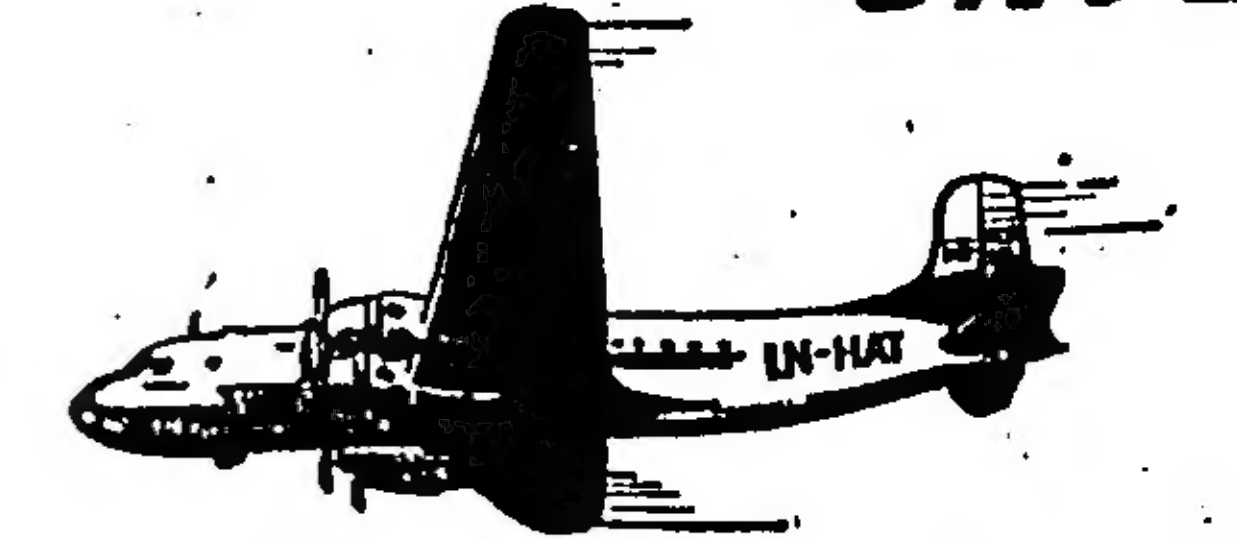
The Indian Defence Secretary, Mr. H. M. Patel, paid a 30-minute visit to the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Rusk, today.

He later told reporters it was merely a courtesy visit during which they discussed Mr. Patel's impressions of the United States.

Mr. Patel said the Indian armed services were interested in securing the benefit of American technical advances in military lines.

"At this stage," he said, the Indians were not asking the United States for equipment but were more interested in making arrangements for Indian officers to attend American military institutions.—United Press.

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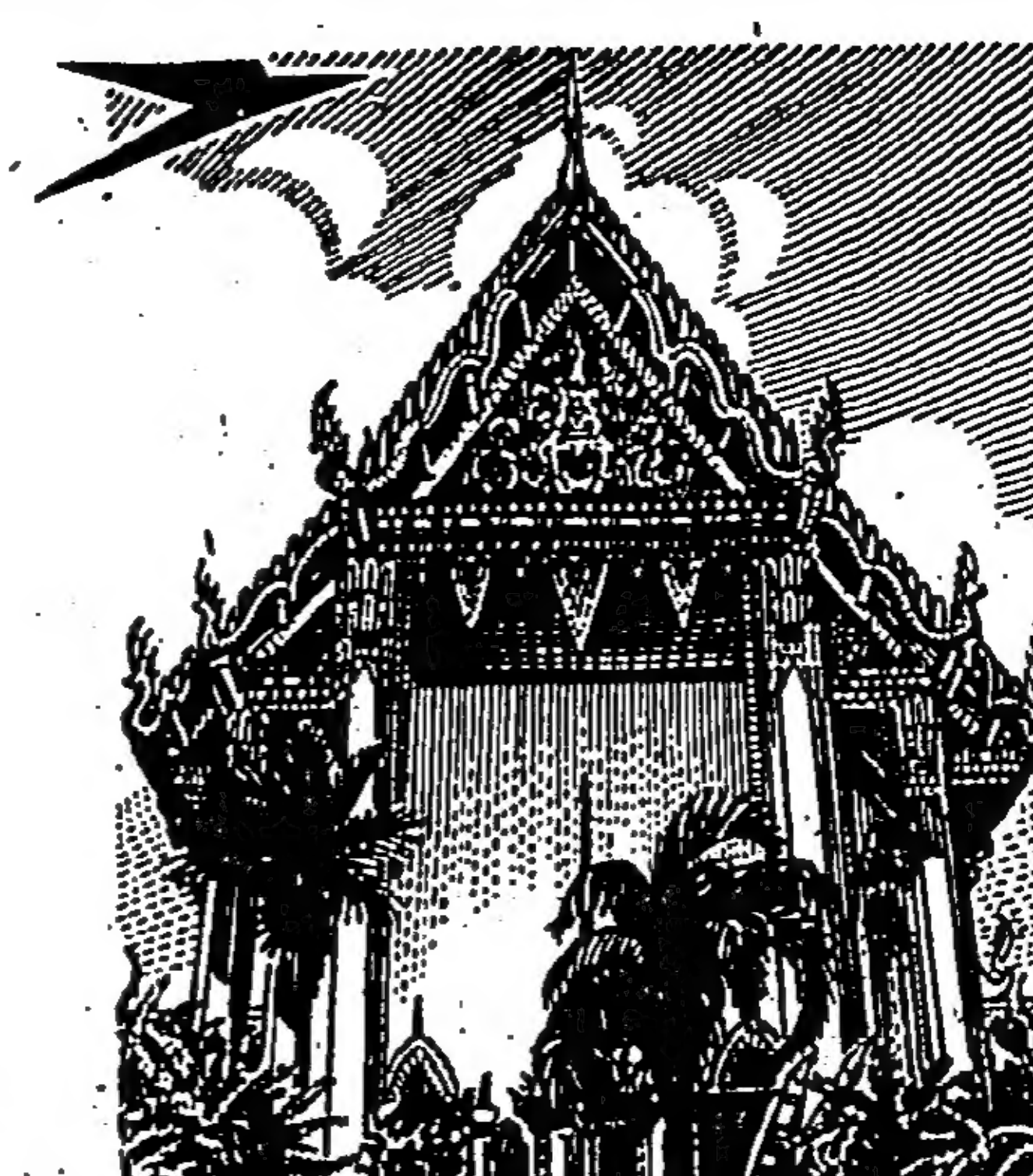
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Woman Today

Fixing the
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Novel Fashion Shows

(By PETER LOVEGROVE)

A novel idea for women's fashion shows, conceived by a 20-year-old Army signaller while ferrying trucks across the Po in Northern Italy, has just been put into effect by a well-known Oxford Street store in London.

Instead of the usual elaborate show with professional mannequins displaying exclusive and expensive models at a time when the business woman is busy pounding a typewriter and the shop-assistant is busy at her counter, young Mickey Hutton proposed shows after office hours.

They are designed to give ordinary working girls an opportunity to see coats, suits and dresses within their income—and worn, not by straight up or down glamour girls, but by women like themselves, lean, lank or lumpy, with hip-measurements varying from the sylph-like 34 to that "awkward" 47 inches.

I attended the first of these nightly half-hour shows recently. There is no doubt about their appeal. The audience was almost entirely composed of City typists and clerks from Government departments; the models were picked from the staff of the store itself and had been hard at work throughout the day; and the clothes they displayed varied from a little Utility afternoon dress of spun rayon worth £3 to a Paris-made purple coat at £21.18s. Perhaps the greatest interest was centred on the bridal dresses, which indicated that there is no reason why white weddings should be beyond the most humble means. One outfit, consisting of dresses for a bride and two bridesmaids, only cost a total of £10. 4s.

It may seem a far call from hauling three-tonners on and off an Italian river ferry and working Diesel generators in Venice, which was Mickey's lot not so long ago, to dual-purpose swing-back swaggar-cum-fitted coats and all-round pleated skirts in Oxford-Street. How come? I asked Mickey, as he rushed to

and fro behind the scenes putting the finishing touches to the next model about to step through filmy white curtains on to the brilliantly-lit temporary stage.

No Previous Experience
"Not so fantastic," he assured me breezily. "Though I had no previous experience in it, the trade has always been in the Huttons' blood. Father once had a chain of shops throughout Britain; my elder brothers Pip and Barry were in it too. I always wanted to follow in their footsteps."

The war called a halt to these activities and hopes. Pip didn't come back; he was shot down and killed while ferrying aircraft to the Middle East in 1913. But Barry and Mickey now carry on the family tradition. Barry has enthusiastically endorsed his brother's ideas. At the first show, in striped trousers and morning coat, he wielded the microphone and introduced the models. Just over six years ago, when a major in the first battalion of the Black Watch, he was smashed up at El Alamein while with the Highland Division. He then served for a time with the Camel Corps in Tripolitania, and was eventually invalided out of the Service at the end of 1945 after going down with blackwater fever in Eritrea.

They had to start almost from scratch again. Barry's first job was to scrub the arse! And none of the audience watching Oxford-Street. How come? I asked Mickey, as he rushed to



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The name and fame of Constance Spry have spread far and wide as a result of her unique and imaginative floral arrangements. (It was Miss Spry who thought of whitewashing bare twigs and ornamenting them with baubles for Christmas decoration.)

Passing her London shop, I suddenly thought of the delight so many women find in arranging the flowers around their homes; but not many have Miss Spry's talent for effect. So Francis Marshall sketched some of her vases, thinking you might like to arrange something similar for yourselves.

Looks Charming

Have you an old-fashioned ornament or vase, inherited memento, and such a funny shape? Look at the little china conch shell (on left in the sketch) adorned, so help us, with a Cupid! It looks charming filled with pink ranunculus, Dresden daisies, and two small sprays of tradescantia for greenery. Note how the flowers follow the line of their container, reaching up alongside the Cupid.

The small mantel vase on the right holds black ivy berries; tall stemmed pink magenta flowers, and parrot tulips. The two large vases are dark red begonia leaves.

Top is a larger and more ambitious arrangement in a vase shaped like a reversed datura flower and is especially lovely. This is more "townish," since the flowers will not all be found in the garden at the same season. There are slender branches of larch and a large artichoke leaf, cherry blossom, two kinds of lily (the arm and the amaryllis), tulips, both double white and single yellow, and two pale pink roses.

It is a useful hint to know that all these flowers are held by galvanised wire-netting crushed up into the vases.

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Every summertime sees a run of children's complaints, and the less serious, though not necessarily the less infectious, generally have to be nursed by Mother in the home.

Mumps for one. This begins with a high temperature, pain and glands swelling just below the ear.

Strangely, the left side is usually affected first, followed within a few days by the right, and it takes roughly a week for these swellings to subside.

During that time keep the child in bed on a semi-fluid diet. Trying to eat and swallowing can be extremely painful. Milk, milky tea, cocoa, thin custards and porridge, thick soups, gruel, beaten raw egg and jellies are the most suitable.

A straw to drink through instead of a spoon makes feeding easier while the discomfort is at its worst.

One thing's important. You do need a good mouth wash. Potassium permanganate is simple and safe, and your chemist would make this up in strength of one in five thousand.

German measles, too, is a mild complaint. Like mumps, it affects the glands; unlike mumps, it also brings out a rash, which commences on the face and scalp, and spreads to the rest of the body.

There is no very special treatment apart from keeping the child in bed during the time he has a temperature, and dabbing the rash with bicarbonate of soda and water if it is irritable.

This glands always swell a little, but they are not really painful. You can feel them like little peas under the skin if you draw your fingers over them, otherwise you might not know anything was wrong.

Chicken-pox is rarely serious, but here's an important point. If the spots are scratched, tiny scars may be left—for life. Not so important with boys, perhaps, but girls dislike any kind of facial blemish when they grow up—even if it is only an old chicken-pox scar.

The spots appear quite soon—on the second day—on the body first, then on face, scalp and limbs. They come out in crops for three or four days—pink at the start, then turn to tiny blisters, dry up and fall off.

If the child has a temperature, keep him in bed while it rises. Dust the spots frequently with starch and zinc powder mixed in equal parts. If they are very irritating, bathing them with tepid water brings relief.

Don't forget that chicken-pox is highly infectious until every scab has fallen—no matter how small it may be.

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Russians Attempting To Take Over Asia, Judd Says

NEWSPAPER PLANT DESTROYED

Manila, May 3. The morning paper, Chinese Commercial News, was among the establishments burned in a spectacular fire early this morning.

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Six Die In African Floods

Algiers, May 2. Six deaths were reported today in severe floods which have swept away hundreds of houses and destroyed 20 bridges in Southern French Morocco. Marrakech, Moroccan holiday resort, was partly inundated and almost completely cut off. The floods, caused by torrential rains, are estimated to have done over 100 million francs' damage in the Marrakech area. Latest reports say that the flood waters were receding today in the Marrakech and Moulouya Valley areas. Six bodies were recovered in the Moulouya Valley today and the valley was strewn with the carcasses of drowned animals. The Algiers-Oran railway line was cut and the Algiers-Constantine highway blocked. Roubaia, 28 miles East of Algiers.

INDIA TO REVIVE CUSTOMS UNION

New Delhi, May 2. India has offered to revive an 80-year old customs union with the five French settlements in India, following French claims that its termination last March had caused hardship in the settlements. It was learned from a usually reliable source here today. The Indian Government is willing to continue the agreement until a referendum is held to settle the future of the settlements, but would not consider any modifications of it, the source said. It was not known whether France was prepared to accept the proposal.—Reuter.

Lecturer Sceptical On Christian Japan

Tokyo, May 2. A prominent Indian lecturer today told the Japanese that the Christian nations started the last two world wars, and warned that attempts to make Japan peaceful and non-violent by spreading Christianity are bound to fail. His statement, distributed by the Indian diplomatic mission here, came on the heels of an announcement that General Douglas MacArthur was urging the importation of 30,000,000 bibles to Christianise Japan.

The Indian educator, Mr. S. N. Agarwal, officer of the newly formed Association to Spread Mahatma Gandhi's Teachings, addressed a meeting of the Buddhist Worshipers Association, the International Religious Association, the International Cultural Association and the Gandhi Association of Japan. He called on Japanese to join with Buddhists and followers of Gandhi in China and India to re-organise Asia for peace.

Mr. Agarwal warned young men of Japan not to imitate American manners of dress and language by being swept off their feet but to preserve Oriental traditions. "Attempts to make Japan peaceful and non-violent by spreading Christianity are bound to fail. Religion and culture cannot be transplanted. Japan should be provided all the opportunities for reforming herself through her own cultural heritage. "Moreover, we cannot afford to forget the sad fact that nations claiming to follow Christ were themselves responsible for

Congressional Act Still Needed For U.S. To Declare War

Washington, May 2. The former Under Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, said today that Congress would have to declare war before American troops could be sent, under the Atlantic pact, to repel a Russian attack on Norway. Mr. Lovett, who launched the treaty negotiations, said he did not believe the pact's pledge of mutual assistance would empower the President to intervene in Europe with arms without a Congressional declaration of war.

The former Under-Secretary was testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He denied that big power pressure had brought smaller nations into the defence alliance. Mr. Lovett told the Committee that Norway, Iceland and other small nations were brought into the pact at their own request. His statement was prompted by Senator Forrest Donnell, who wanted details on the entry of smaller nations.

Urges Approval Mr. Lovett urged the Committee to approve the treaty as essential to American security and world peace. He said already there had been concrete evidence that mere signing of the treaty had contributed toward those ends. Mr. Lovett cited recent agreements with Britain and France for the future government of Western Germany which he said might not have been possible without the new sense of confidence provided by the treaty. He then warned that day-to-day developments in the cold war

Conference On SE Asia Now Planned

Salon, May 3. A full dress conference to plan the defence of South East Asia against Communism will be held as soon as France and Holland settle their wars in this area, a non-French source said yesterday.

The source, who refused to be identified by nationality, said the conference would include the United States, Britain, France, Indonesia, India, Siam, Burma and a Vietnamese government representative of Indo-China.

However, the foreign observer said, the Dutch must first arrange to set up an independent government in Indonesia and the French must do likewise in Indo-China. The U.S. has put these conditions, the source said, to avoid being criticised for supporting the colonial tactics of some of the Western powers.

The source refused to speculate about a date or site for such a conference, but said the need for it is urgent for danger is approaching with great strides.—Associated Press.

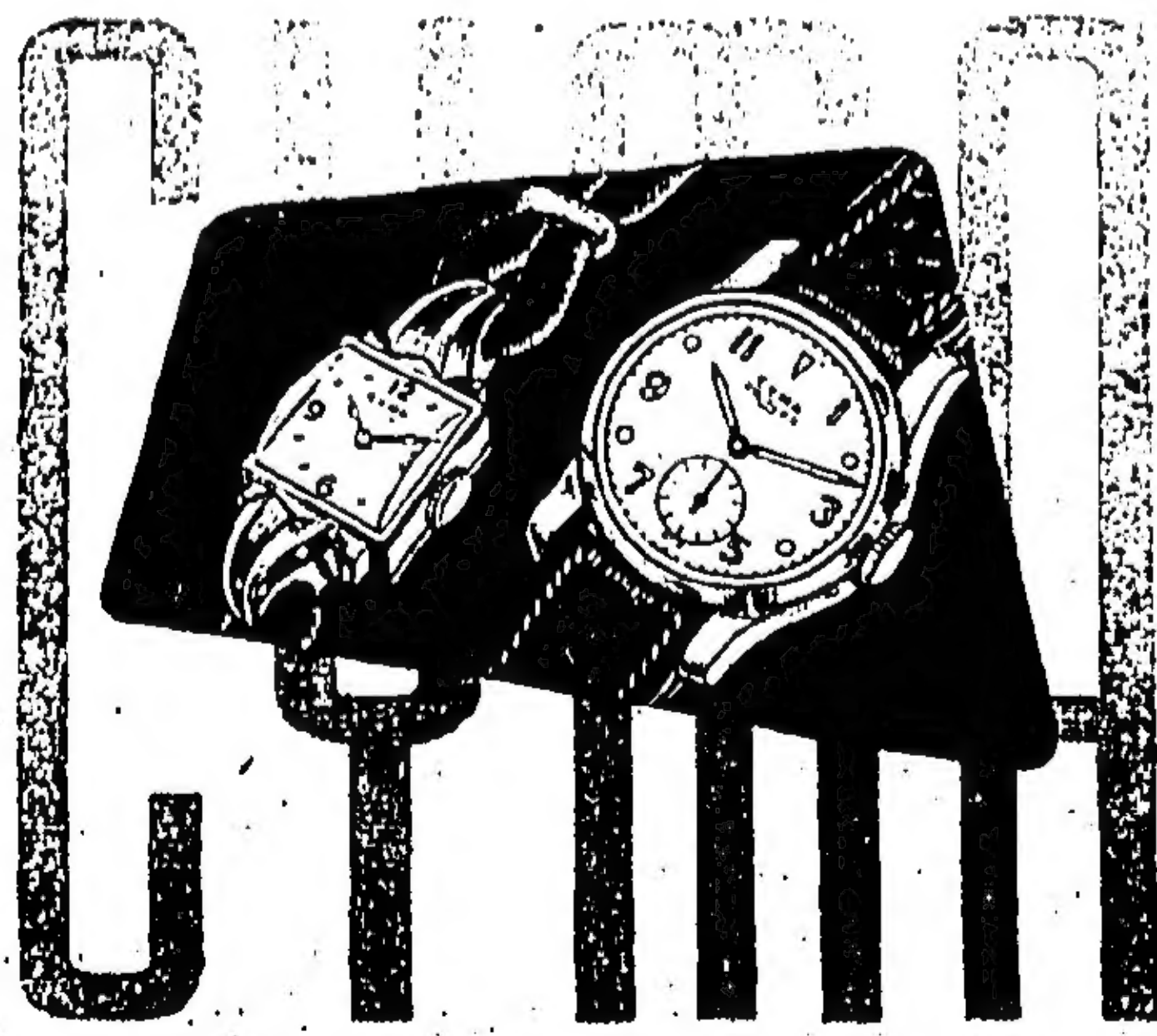
U.S. Japs Win Another Round

San Francisco, May 2. A group of 1,480 Japanese-Americans won another round today in their long legal battle to regain United States citizenship.

Federal Judge Louis Goodman denied a petition by the Government, ruling that the group had renounced their citizenship during wartime under duress. The Government, which appealed against Mr. Justice Goodman's decision to the higher courts, asked for a stay because it claimed that if the ruling were reversed it would be difficult to find the Japanese-Americans and send them back to Japan. Most of the 1,480 are in Japan and, following Mr. Goodman's denial of stay of execution, may now apply to the Secretary of State for permission to return to the United States.—United Press.

"Only A Soldier"

He attacked the former Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, as only a soldier who had no diplomatic background and who made the mistake of thinking the Communists in China could be brought into a coalition government. He then said that while China was in a bad plight at present, "we will need China later on more than she needs us now." He opined that Russia's key objective was expansion in Asia and the Russian leaders had tricked the United States into



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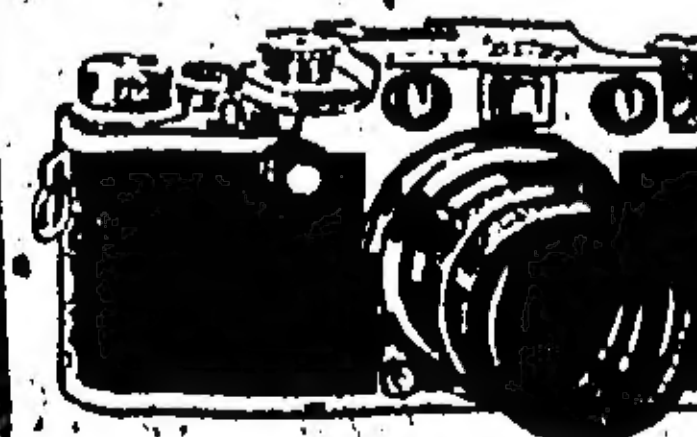
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Sally's Blind Date

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Everyone in the ladies' com-
mon room was discussing the
Saturday night dance. It was the
event of the season and all the
girls turned up en masse.

Sitting in a corner with a book
on her lap, Sally could not con-
centrate on her History. Scraps
of the conversation floated to her.
"My date is tall, dark and
handsome Bobby." "Oh, Jerry's
taking me." "You can't imagine
who I'm going with," and so on.
Listening to their idle prattle,
Sally recalled the nice times she
had had at Westfield College,
where she was one of the most
popular girls. But here at Bever-
ly, she was known as shy and
quiet, and only complimented as
being a cute kid.

Her reverie was interrupted
when Barbara, one of the nicest
girls in her class, spoke to her.
"I say, Sally, how would you
like to go to the dance of Satur-
day. My cousin Alan is coming
down to spend the week-end and

at her skirt. Her handkerchief,
purse oh, and a dozen and one
things which at the last moment
seemed to be missing.

With a dash she was out of her
room almost colliding with her
cat which wisely jumped out of
the way. She then heard voices
and held herself together taking
a calm as she reached the stair-
case and now in full view of the
arrivals.

The introduction was brisk and
casual in the way that only Babs
is capable, thought Sally. But
thank goodness for that, how
utterly stupid I must look.

On their way Sally took in
her date's appearance. He was
tall, she observed, rather good
looking and talked very nicely.
And Alan is a nice name, she
thought almost aloud.

The music had started when
they arrived at the prom and the
place as was just about full.
Alighting from the car, there was
everyone there to greet Barbara.
It seemed. But to her, Sally,
they were only polite. Suddenly Alan
took her arm and she felt reas-
sured. He smiled warmly and
they went in.

Dancing began. Sweet music
filled the room. Partners were
swaying to the music. Sally had
her first dance with Alan and
then, to her disappointment, no
more. He had to take turns with
the other girls too.

Occasionally one of the boys
asked her but she sat out most
of the time.

After what seemed ages to her,
and Alan, suddenly asking
somebody else for the five num-
bers, he at last came towards her.
"Shall we try this fast num-
ber?"

"I'd love to," Sally replied and
they got on the floor. And be-
fore half the tune was played,
Alan discovered that Sally could
dance—and how!

They did all the latest fancy
steps and so engrossed was Sally
that it was quite a while before
she noticed that they were the
only ones on the floor. A little
frightened she looked at Alan
and he smiled at her confidently.

All eyes were upon them now
and when the music ended every-
one was clapping and surround-
ing her. She felt so happy at last!
It was supper time but that did
not bother Sally very much. She
was too busy attending to the
demands made upon her by the
boys. All stars flocked to the
place where she was seated.

Sally felt glorious.
Then came the end of the
dance. "Goodnight, Ladies," the
waltz.

"I don't suppose I could ever
take you out again," said Alan
mournfully.

"Why?"
Well, competition was great
tonight wasn't it, and me, well,
being only what I am."

"I think you're grand," Sally
said blushing all over, but
luckily it was dark.

"Then, I may call for you to-
morrow?" he asked eagerly.
"Unless you expect me to do
that," replied Sally teasingly and
they both laughed.

It was a wonderful night and
the moon so bright, flooding the
dark with its silvery beam. Sally
in bed looked out at the stars
which seemed to be merrily dan-
cing for her alone. She recounted
the events of the evening, and
upon them she built up her
dreams.

It won't be a blind date to-
morrow. "And oh, he is ever
so nice!"

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"Honest, Butterfly... I'm not a
cat. I was only demonstrating my
animal calls for Susie!"

he has asked me to arrange a
four-course. I'm going with Steve
and I was wondering if you
would like to join us."

Sally was so surprised at Bar-
bara's invitation that it took her
quite a minute to regain her
composure.

She didn't know how to
answer. "I'll let you know to-
morrow Babs," she said uncer-
tainly. "Thank you awfully!"

All night Sally could think of
nothing but the reply she was to
give the next day. Having care-
fully debated with herself, she
went to bed with an eased mind.

"I'll come," was what she said
timidly to Barbara the next
morning. But in her heart con-
firmed from all was an urgent
excitement.

All week, nothing occupied
Sally's mind but the party and
the mysterious experience of a
blind date. What would he look
like, she wondered. How would
he think of her. Could he dance?

Oh, that doesn't matter so very
much. But I wish he would be
good looking, she mused am-
bitiously.

Finally the day arrived after
what seemed to Sally, ages.
Dressed in a new pink frock and
with a little make-up, she was
transformed from the simple
Sally that she had come to be
known.

She was ready almost half an
hour before time. Then suddenly
the bell rang and all of her seem-
to react electrically. She dashed
to the mirror, tugged hurriedly

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Personality

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ing for Sylvia Barretto, our teen
ager of the week. She loves to
cook and bake.

Sylvia is aged 17 and has her
birthday on January 10. She
was born in Hong Kong, study-
ing in St. Mary's School and
inter, between 1942 and 1945 in
St. Rose of Lima at Macao.

Sylvia finished her school leav-
ing last year, and is now study-
ing to be a teacher in the North-
cote's Training College. Her am-
bition obviously, is to teach
school. "But I like particularly
to be a PT instructor," she
said.

Sylvia would like some day to
go to England for a degree. "I
think I could be a bigger success
that way," she added.

She takes part very actively
in all manner of outdoor life, and
is an energetic girl guide belong-
ing to the 5th Kowloon Group of
which she is a patrol leader of
"Kingfisher."

Her sports include badminton,
swimming, cycling and softball.
Sylvia's hobby besides cooking,
is correspondence. "I have about
30 pen friends to whom I write,
and they stay in all parts of the
world." And she keeps her cor-
respondence always up to date.

Photography is another part
time occupation with Sylvia. "I
cannot yet develop my own
photos, but I will soon learn,"
she said.

With all this, Sylvia finds time
for reading which she says is
very important to her career be-
cause she thinks that by reading
one can learn what one can't see
for oneself.

Her books are of various moods.
For fiction she likes stories by
Faith Baldwin, Jane Austen,
Earl Stanley Gardner and Anthon
Christie, and Ngalo Marsh.



SYLVIA BARRETTO

Your Last Chance To Vote In Disc Poll! —Album Prizes

The "Platter Chatter Poll" is on. Vote for your favourite
artists and tunes in waxed music and win an album of records
for your efforts. Fill in the form below and send your entries in
to THE EDITOR, TEEN AGE TOPICS, THE "CHINA MAIL",
WINDSOR HOUSE, HONG KONG.

There will be two prizes of an album of records each, for—
1) Teen age contestants. These entries must be accompanied by
NAME, ADDRESS and AGE.

2) As there reason to believe that "Platter Chatter" is also
read by many who have long passed their teens, this prize
will be awarded to the "China Mail" reader of any age
wishing to take part in the contest.

All entries must reach the "Topics" by 5 p.m. on May 6

Judges will be appointed by TEEN AGE TOPICS and their
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Favourites

Male Singer:

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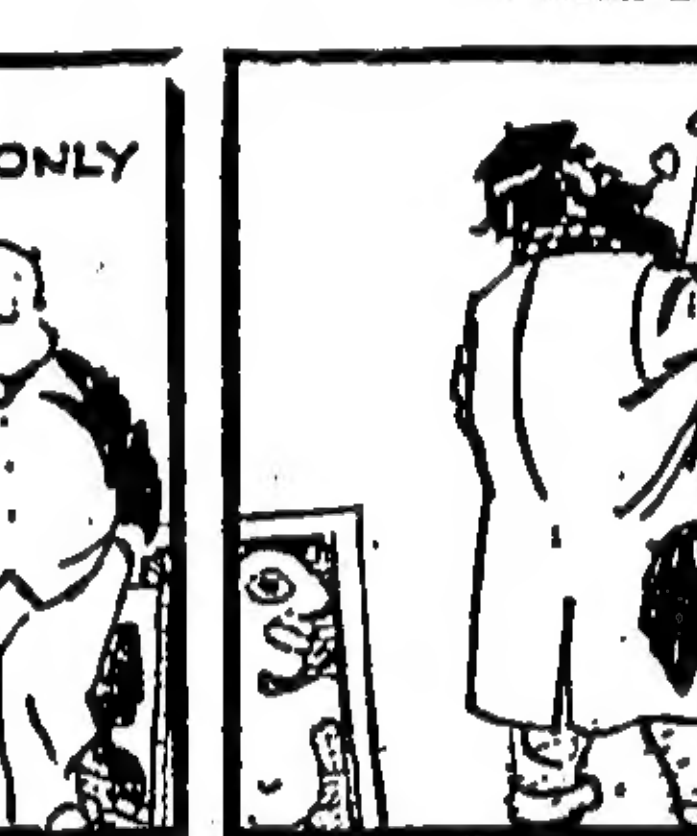
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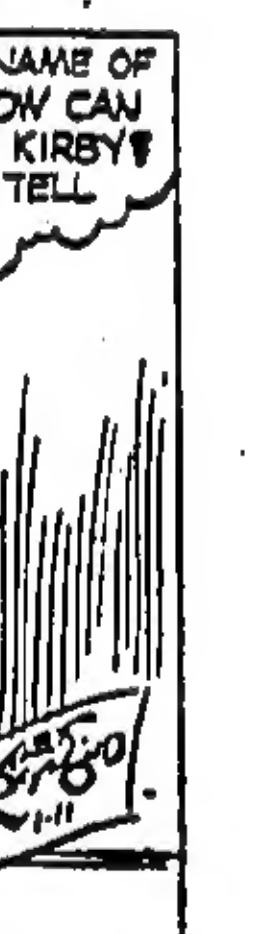
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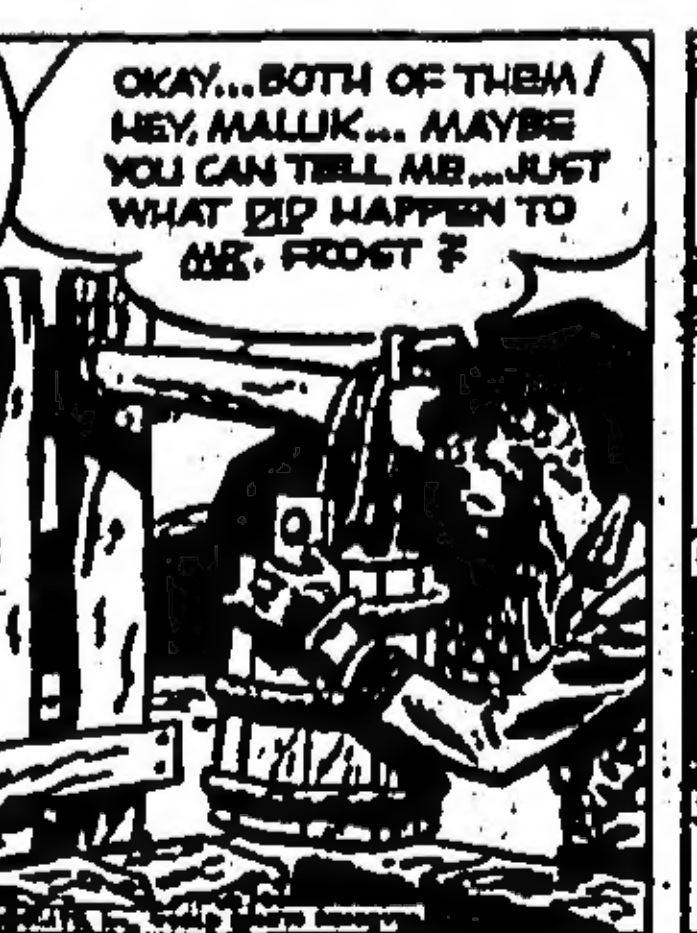
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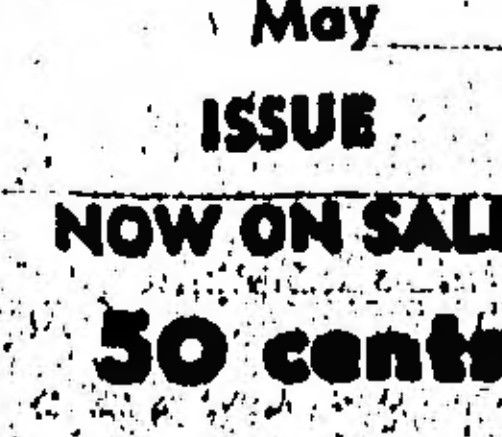
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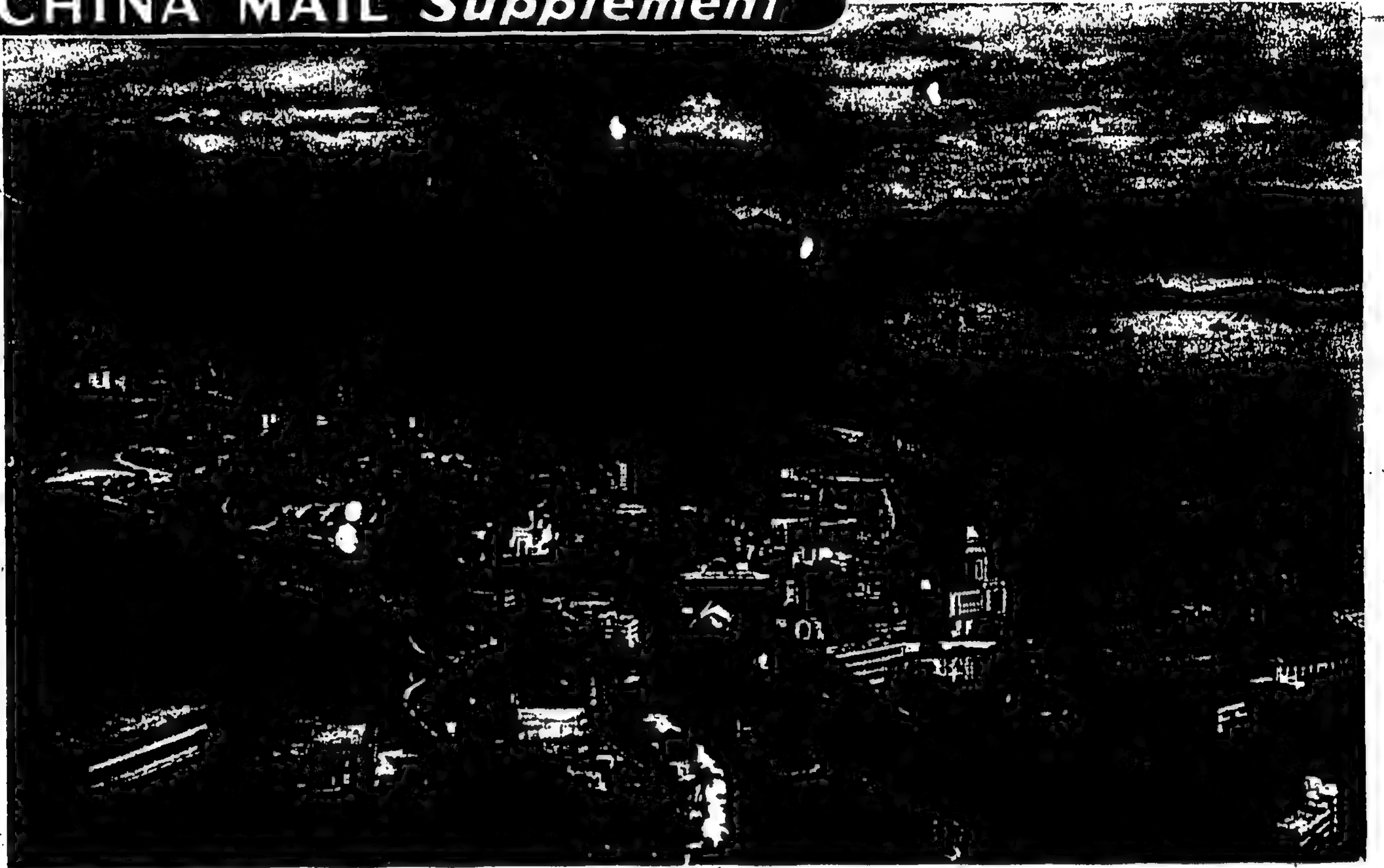
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Above, a panorama of Victoria, the heart of the Colony. In the background is the West Point area. Below, a view of the Causeway Bay area, which is rapidly becoming one of the island's main residential districts. At the right is part of the Happy Valley Race Course. ("China Mail" photo)



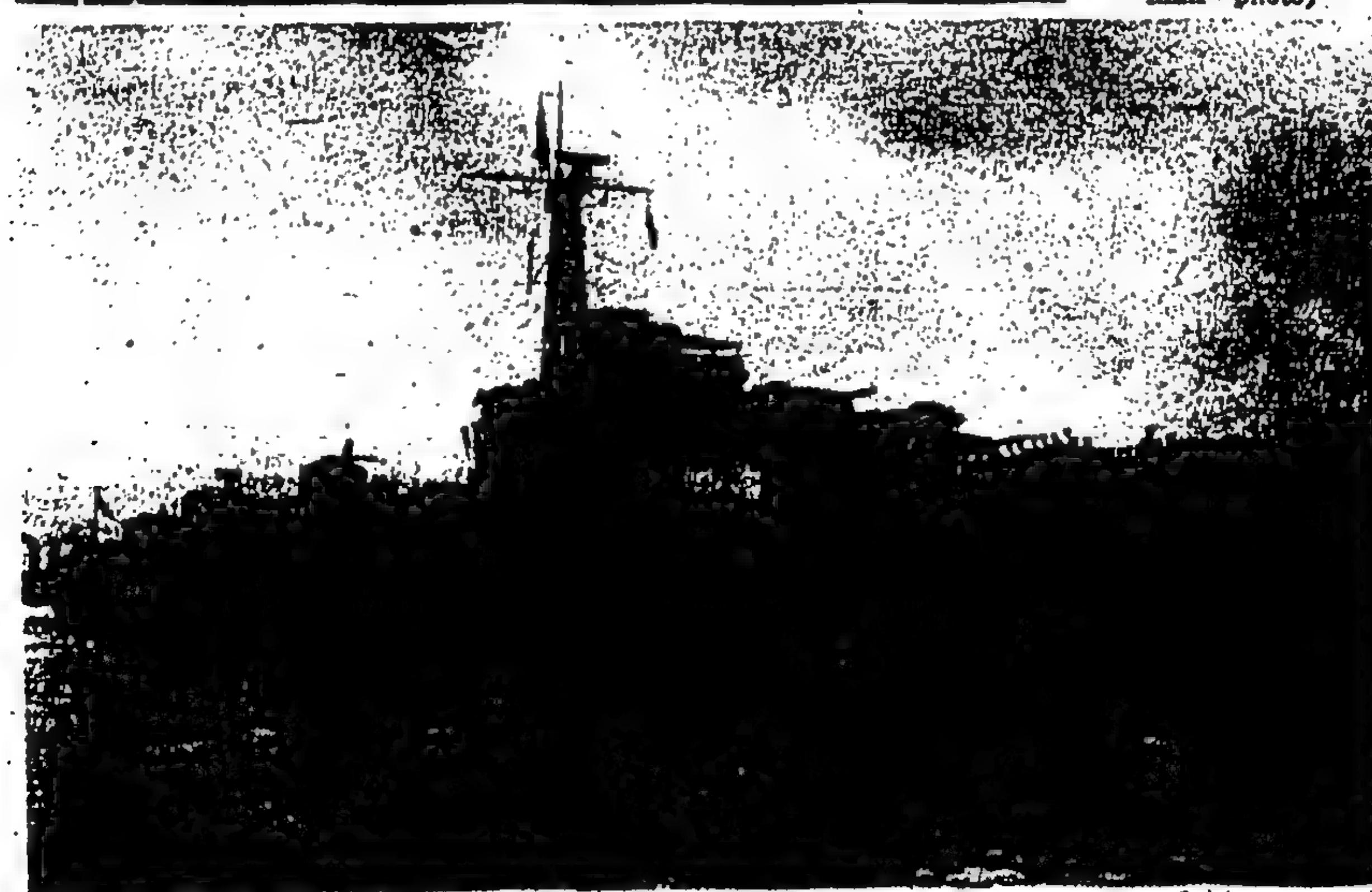


The South China Athletic Association won the Invitation Relay at the Land Forces Athletic Meeting at Sookunpoo. Here, a member of the team receives the medals. ("China Mail" photo)

With pluck and determination, the youngsters have a go at one of the races at the Land Forces Athletic Meeting held at Sookunpoo. ("China Mail" photo)



The 25th Field Regiment tug-of-war team line up with their prizes—a beer mug each—after they won that event at the land Forces Athletic meeting. ("China Mail" photo)



One of the targets of Communist shore fire on the Yangtze, HMS Consort is shown returning to Hong Kong for repairs. ("China Mail" photo)

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Mr. Chan Sze-hung, Vice-President of the King's College Old Boys Association, is shown with his guests at the Association's recent Annual Dinner Dance. ("Ming Yuen" photo)



Refugees from Shanghai, an amah and a small boy, drop off to sleep on a bench at Kai Tak after their flight from the Whangpoo metropolis. ("China Mail" photo)

Mr. Wong Chee-poa, President of the King's College Old Boys Association, speaks at the Annual Dinner Dance held recently on the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden. ("Ming Yuen" photo)



Some paintings of Mr. Louis Chan which were recently exhibited at St. John's Cathedral Hall. ("China Mail" photo)

An aerial flight around Britain's South Coast shows that Brighton has lost none of its appeal as a holiday resort. Here, holidaymakers crowd the beach during one of the hottest Easter holidays ever. (AP Photo)



Group picture taken at the Graduation Party held recently at the Far East Flying Training School, Kai Tak. ("Mainland" photo)

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Denis smile after their wedding at the Supreme Court Registrar's Office. The bride is the former Miss Lee Shou-fong. ("Kwong Ming" photo)



A happy gathering at Miss Wanda Rodriguez' 17th birthday party.



Christened recently at St. John's Cathedral was Herald Theodor, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Westergaard. ("Gainsborough" photo)

The 8th Kowloon Troop (St. Mary's School) winners of the Girl Guide Shield, with their Captain, Miss M. Figueroa (extreme left). ("China Mail" photo)



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"YCHOOW"	Incheon & Tientsin	5 p.m. 5th May
"HUPH"	Swatow	4 p.m. 5th May
"SINKIANG"	Amoy, Swatow, Singapore, Palembang, Sibau & Brunel	5 p.m. 7th May
"FOOCHOW"	Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya, Cheribon & Batavia	7 a.m. 8th May
"TSINAN"	Swatow	10 a.m. 8th May
"NEWCHIWANG"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 10th May
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	5 p.m. 10th May
"FUKIEN"	Yokohama, Yokohama & Kobe	13th May
"PRODUCE"	Yokohama & Kobe	17th May

ARRIVALS FROM

"SINKIANG"	Tientsin, Pusan & Shanghai	noon 4th May
"HUPH"	Swatow	10 a.m. 4th May
"TSINAN"	Swatow	10 a.m. 4th May
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai & Keelung	7 a.m. 7th May
"NEWCHIWANG"	Bangkok	8th May
"PRODUCE"	Bangkok	13th May
"NANCHANG"	Tientsin, Incheon & Pusan	16th May

RIVER SERVICE

"PATSHAN"	Hongkong/Canton DEP. Hongkong	Canton/Hongkong ARR. Hongkong
	5 a.m. 6th May	7.30 a.m. 8th May
	8 p.m. 8th May	7.30 a.m. 10th May
"WUSUEH"	HK/MACAO DEP. HK	MACAO/HK ARR. HK
	2 p.m. 7th May	5.45 p.m. 8th May

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"CALCHAS"	Casablanca, Havre & Liverpool	10th May
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"AENEAS"	Tangier, Casablanca, Havre, Liverpool	8th June

Non Schedule Sailing.

"ANTENOR"	Liverpool & Glasgow	10th May
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ARRIVALS FROM

"AGAPENOR"	U.K. via Straits	In port
"HOLUS"	"	14th May
"AENEAS"	"	16th May
"MENTOR"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	24th May

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"CHANGTE"	Sydney	18th May
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Firm's Claim Against L.G. Uttam Heard

The claim in which the Man Kuan Cotton Underwear Knitting Company, of 16 Queen Victoria Street, first floor, is suing Messrs. L. G. Uttam of 506 Chung Tin Building, for HK\$12,240, continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The plaintiffs are represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford instructed by C. A. Sutherland Russ and Stewart.

Mr. B. A. Bernaghi on the instructions of Mr. M. A. da Silva is defending Messrs. L. G. Uttam.

Plaintiffs claim that the \$12,240 is the balance in respect of goods sold and delivered to the defendant on April 28, 1948, under written contracts.

It is their case that the defendant had forged out a bill himself purporting to show that he had paid for all the goods in question.

After further evidence for the defendant was given by defendant's witnesses, Mr. Clifford opened his case, and made allegations as to the details of the alleged swindling of the money by Khennan.

Hearing will continue this morning.

ACCUSED OF FREE RIDES

Eleven Chinese, including three married women, were brought before Mr. D. G. Collins at the Marine Court yesterday, charged with unlawful boarding.

Pleading guilty, the eight men and one woman were fined \$100 each or one month imprisonment. The three women, who told the Court that they intended to buy their fares aboard the ship, were fined \$25 each.

The other defendants pleaded that they were seeing their friends off aboard the ship.

Reduction in fares from US\$103 to US\$246 on the new line of cars were announced yesterday by Park Motor Car Company.

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Accused Of Keeping Gambling House

Hearing of the case against Tsang Chung, charged with keeping a common gaming house, and Huen Sing and Cheng Fan, charged with aiding and abetting, was resumed before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Detective Sub-Inspector Paul Ho, in giving corroborative evidence, said that he was with Sub-Inspector Saul and Sub-Inspector Y. K. Chan during the race meeting on March 26.

Standing in the University box, he watched the movements of the defendants from the second to the fifth races.

By the end of each race, the third defendant came up to the first defendant with a newspaper and showed it to the first defendant, who in turn made notes in his notebook.

At about 4.40 p.m. Inspector Ho went up to the defendants and his identity was revealed to the defendants by Inspector Chan.

He then told the defendants that he was of the opinion that they were book-makers.

When cautioned, to the best of the inspector's recollection the first defendant uttered a few words, to the effect of asking the inspector not to take this matter too seriously.

"According to the way they operated," said Inspector Ho, "I took the first defendants, at that

On May 2, Thomas Gutierrez was riding his bicycle in Nathan Road when, near the junction of Argyle Street, the handlebars hit a pedestrian.

Chu Hong-cheung, aged 25 had had an argument with Gutierrez and struck complainant in the eye and broke his glasses.

Before Mr. Blair Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, Cheung was fined \$25 for assault and was also ordered to pay \$70 compensation.

CONSTABLE KILLED IN GUN FIGHT

In a gun fight which occurred on Tuesday night between a party of four patrolling police and some unknown persons, one police constable named Tsang Hing-lun was killed and another was slightly wounded.

The police patrol was on the Frontier Road between Lin Ma Hang and Tak Ku Ling when it was ambushed.

Up till late last night no one was arrested.

FIRE CAUSES \$30,000 DAMAGE

More than \$30,000 worth of clothing and shop stock was lost in a fire which broke out in the small hours of yesterday morning at 39F, Battery Street, ground floor, Yaumati.

A few minutes after the fire started fire engines were rushed to the scene from the Terminus Fire Station. No one was injured.

SUGAR FUTURES

New York, May 3. Domestic sugar futures No. 5 closed two higher with sales of 307 contracts.

May 5.31 bid
July 5.37 bid
September 5.38 bid

World sugar futures No. 4 closed unchanged with sales of 12 contracts.

September 4.22
Raw sugar spot 5.75 nominal
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aa. "TAHEA"	due 19th May	from Japan & Amoy
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aa. "SANGOLA"	due 25th May	from Japan

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aa. "TREWELLARD"	due 15th May	from Straits, Bombay & Karachi
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Manila, May 3. Boxer Joe Loulu found Manila golf links open to him today but Corregidor closed to visitors. The Department of National Defence replied to Loulu's request to see Corregidor that the famous rock fortress is off the limits to civilians.

The Brown Bomber spent his first morning in Manila golfing. Loulu who arrived here yesterday afternoon, will fight in a charity exhibition on May 5.—Associated Press.

The following were the results of basketball games played at the South China Athletic Association last night:

Red Cat (36) vs Black Cat (30)
White (39) vs Ming Chung (30)
SCMP (22)
Black Cat (51) vs Tau Te (79)

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Whatever the reasons for the move, it should be emphasized that if any team is eliminated,

Bunched Together. The Island had to be left to port (i.e., "anti-clockwise" for the usual direction) but for the vessel to complete the race, it had to complete the circuit by 7.30 a.m.

By seven o'clock six yachts were bunched at the start line, having completed three-quarters of the course.

Cowie was the pick of the New Zealand attack, but the bowlers were not helped by the placing of the field. A side better able to close the gaps might easily have

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